

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 20, 2004**

**Protective Life Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12332**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2492236**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223**

**(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)**

**(205) 268-1000**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**

**N/A**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### Item 8.01 Other Events.

This Current Report on Form 8-K discloses amended information about the operating segments of Protective Life Corporation ( PLC ) following management s decision during 2004 to move the surety and residual value lines of business from the Asset Protection segment to Corporate and Other. The presentation of this information does not change PLC s consolidated financial position or consolidated results of operations for any period presented.

The amended segment information is presented in *Business, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* with respect to each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 ( MD&A ), the related Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of PLC ( Consolidated Financial Statements ), and Financial Statement Schedules, which are furnished as Exhibit 99.1, Exhibit 99.2, Exhibit 99.3 and Exhibit 99.4, respectively, to this Report. The amended segment information is set forth in *Business* beneath the headings Asset Protection and Corporate and Other , in MD&A beneath the headings Overview and Results of Operations , in Note 10 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, and in Schedule III of the Financial Statement Schedules. The Current Report also includes an updated Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Except as noted above, the Consolidated Financial Statements remain unchanged from the Consolidated Financial Statements that were filed in PLC s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (c) Exhibits:

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| 23   | Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm                               |
| 99.1 | Business  |
| 99.2 | Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations |
| 99.3 | Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements      |
| 99.4 | Financial Statement Schedules   |

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

### PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION

By/s/ Steven G. Walker  
Steven G. Walker  
Senior Vice President, Controller  
and Chief Accounting Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer)

Date: December 20, 2004