

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
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UNITED STATES 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): March 31, 2006

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8940

(Commission
File Number)

13-3260245

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

120 Park Avenue, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10017-5592

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (917) 663-4000

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 31, 2006, Altria Group, Inc. (Altria) entered into a senior unsecured 364-day revolving credit agreement (the 364-Day Agreement) with the lenders named therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Citibank N.A., as administrative agents. The 364-Day Agreement provides for borrowings up to an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion and expires on March 30, 2007. Interest rates on borrowings under the new facility will be based on prevailing interest rates as described in the 364-Day Agreement.

The 364-Day Agreement replaces Altria s existing \$1.0 billion 364-day revolving credit agreement, which was to expire on April 14, 2006. Altria s 5-year revolving credit agreement dated April 15, 2005 (the 5-Year Agreement) and, together with the 364-Day Agreement, the Credit Agreements) will remain in place.

The 364-Day Agreement will be used for general corporate purposes and to support Altria s commercial paper issuances. The 364-Day Agreement requires the maintenance of an earnings to fixed charges ratio, as defined in the agreements, of not less than 2.5 to 1.

At March 31, 2006, Altria had no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreements.

Some of the lenders under the agreements and their affiliates have various relationships with Altria and its subsidiaries involving the provision of financial services, including cash management, investment banking and trust services. In addition, Altria and some of its subsidiaries have entered into foreign exchange and other derivative arrangements with certain of the lenders and their affiliates.

The description above is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the 364-Day Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information described above under Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

10.1 \$1.0 Billion 364-Day Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of March 31, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ G. PENN HOLSENBECK
Name: G. Penn Holsenbeck
Title: Vice President, Associate General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

DATE: March 31, 2006

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