

CIT GROUP INC
Form 8-K
July 24, 2006

**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): June 29, 2006

CIT GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-31369
(Commission File Number)

65-1051192
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

505 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 771-0505

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 29, 2006, C.I.T. Leasing Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of CIT Group Inc. doing business as CIT Aerospace, entered into a purchase agreement with Airbus S.A.S. to acquire five A330-200 twin-engine wide body aircraft. In July 2006, CIT also exercised options under existing agreements to purchase an additional four A320 family single-aisle aircraft. The total value based on current manufacturer's list prices is approximately \$1 billion. Actual purchase prices at delivery will be lower than the list prices based upon available discount levels, offset by price escalators based on changes in certain specified price indexes, and will be further affected by the engine manufacturer selected and the aircraft specifications. The actual purchase prices are subject to a confidentiality agreement with Airbus. Deliveries of the A330 aircraft are

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scheduled for 2007 and 2008. Deliveries of the A320 aircraft are scheduled for 2009. The deliveries are in addition to pending orders related to previous purchase agreements.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release issued by CIT Group Inc. on July 20, 2006.

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements (including statements regarding future financial and operating results) involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond CIT's control, which may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially from anticipated results, performance, or achievements. All statements contained in this document that are not clearly historical in nature are forward-looking, and the words anticipate, believe, expect, estimate, plan, target and similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Economic, business, funding market, competitive and/or regulatory factors, among others, affecting CIT's businesses are examples of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. More detailed information about these factors are described in CIT's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. CIT is under no obligation to (and expressly disclaims any such obligation to) update or alter its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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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.

CIT GROUP INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ William J. Taylor

William J. Taylor
Executive Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: July 24, 2006

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