COVALENT GROUP INC Form 8-K October 20, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): October 19, 2006

Covalent Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-21145 (Commission File Number) 56-1668867 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

One Glenhardie Corporate Center, 1275

Drummers Lane, Suite 100, Wayne, PA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19087 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (610) 975-9533

(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 (*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))

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 19, 2006, Covalent Group, Inc. (Covalent) issued a press release announcing that it was reiterating its previously issued operating profitability guidance for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 and that it expected to report net revenues in the range of \$3.6 - \$3.7 million and net income in the range of \$625,000 - \$675,000 when its final third quarter financial results are released in early November. These numbers are subject to review by the Company s independent auditors.

A copy of Covalent s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 - Press release dated October 19, 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.

COVALENT GROUP, INC.

Date: October 20, 2006

By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman Name: Lawrence R. Hoffman

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary

and Chief Financial Officer

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