

ALASKA AIR GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2006

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**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**

January 26, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-8957**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1292054**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98188**  
(Zip Code)

**(206) 392-5040**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(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 2.02. Results of Operations And Financial Condition**

Alaska Air Group, Inc. (the Company ) today issued a press release reporting financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liability of that Section, nor shall such information be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**ITEM 8.01.**

**Other Events**

For purposes of incorporation by reference into the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 12, 2005, the Company is filing the unaudited financial statements for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005 and other financial and statistical data attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**ITEM 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated January 26, 2006

99.2 Financial and statistical data

**Signature**

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.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Registrant

Date: January 26, 2006

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen  
Brandon S. Pedersen  
Staff Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden  
Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial  
Officer