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ALTRIA GROUP INC Form 8-K December 21, 2005

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): December 21, 2005

 $\label{eq:altria} {\tt ALTRIA\ GROUP,\ INC.}$ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 1-8940 13-3260245
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

120 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017-5592 (Address of principal executive offices) (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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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 21, 2005, Philip Morris International Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., issued a press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Philip Morris International Inc. Press Release dated December 21, 2005 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

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: December 21, 2005

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