

CIT 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): August 6, 2012 (August 3, 2012)

CIT GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-31369

65-1051192

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
of incorporation) Identification No.)

**11 W. 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 461-5200**

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

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- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8 — Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Redemption of Series C Notes

On August 3, 2012, CIT Group Inc. (“CIT” or the “Company”) delivered to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (“Deutsche Bank”), as trustee, a notice of CIT’s intention to redeem at par on September 5, 2012 \$1.75 billion of its 7% Series C Senior Unsecured Notes (the “7% Notes”) maturing in 2016, on a pro rata basis among all 7% Notes maturing in 2016, and the remaining \$1.54 billion of its 7% Notes maturing in 2017. The redemption of the 7% Notes maturing in 2016 will be treated as a pro-rata pass-through distribution of principal. In addition, accrued and unpaid interest will be paid for the period beginning July 10, 2012 to but excluding September 5, 2012. Following this redemption, approximately \$680 million principal amount of 7 % Notes maturing in 2016 will remain outstanding. When combined with the \$600 million redemption previously announced on July 20, 2012, these redemptions will result in the acceleration of fresh start accounting (“FSA”) discount amortization, and therefore increase third quarter 2012 interest expense, by up to \$370 million. There also may be a loss on debt extinguishment related to the redemption. The final amount of FSA to be accelerated and the amount of loss on debt extinguishment will not be known until after the redemption has occurred.

This redemption follows the Company’s \$3 billion debt issuance that closed on August 3, 2012. Due to the period of time between the issuance and the redemption on September 5, 2012, cash and short term investment balances may be elevated, which would mitigate the benefit from these transactions to the Company’s finance margin in the current quarter.

The weighted average coupon rates of outstanding deposits and long-term borrowings was 3.83% at June 30, 2012. Including the \$3.0 billion of unsecured debt issued on August 3, 2012 and the redemption of Series C Notes announced on July 20, 2012 and August 6, 2012 totaling approximately \$3.9 billion, the weighted average coupon rates on outstanding deposits and long-term borrowings would have been 3.50% at June 30, 2012.

A copy of the press release announcing the redemption is attached as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the Notice to Deutsche Bank is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Section 9 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by CIT Group Inc. on August 6, 2012 announcing its redemption of \$1.75 billion of the 7% Notes maturing in 2016 and \$1.54 billion of the 7% Notes maturing in 2017.

99.2 Notice by CIT Group Inc. to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas dated August 3, 2012 electing its option to redeem \$1.75 billion of the 7% Series Notes maturing in 2016 and approximately \$1.54 billion of the 7% Notes maturing in 2017 on September 5, 2012.

Forward-Looking Statement

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,” 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, 2011. 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.

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)

Date: August 6, 2012 By: /s/ Scott T. Parker
Name: Scott T. Parker
Title: Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer