

CIT GROUP INC
Form 8-K
October 16, 2008

**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): October 14, 2008

CIT GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 001-31369 | 65-1051192 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

505 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017

(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

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

Not Applicable

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes as an exhibit a press release, dated October 16, 2008, reporting the financial results of CIT Group Inc. as of and for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release includes certain non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of those measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures is included as a table to the press release. The information furnished under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall be considered filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Dividend Declared

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes as an exhibit a press release, dated October 14, 2008, reporting that the Board of Directors of CIT Group Inc. declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$.10 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 on the Company's common stock, payable on November 28, 2008 to shareholders of record on November 14, 2008.

The Company's Series A and Series B preferred stock restrict the payment of dividends if the Company's rolling four-quarter fixed charge coverage ratio is less than 1.10; however, in that event, the Company can satisfy dividend payments with the net proceeds from the sale of common stock. Since the Company's rolling four quarter fixed charge coverage ratio is currently below 1.10, the Board of Directors has authorized the Company, and the Company announced its intention, to issue and sell approximately \$8 million of common stock to pay the quarterly dividend on its preferred stock in December. The press release 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 October 16, 2008.

99.2 Press release issued by CIT Group Inc. on October 14, 2008

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

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Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2008 and June 30, 2008. 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)

By: /s/ William J. Taylor

William J. Taylor
Executive Vice President, Controller &
Principal Accounting Officer

Dated: October 16, 2008
