

MERCHANTS GROUP INC

Form SC 13D/A

April 04, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Schedule 13D/A**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**(Amendment No. 4)\***

MERCHANTS GROUP, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

588539-10-6

(CUSIP Number)

Bryant H. Prentice, III

Merchants Mutual Insurance Company

250 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14202

(716) 849-3380

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 31, 2006

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box.   
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Names of Reporting Persons/I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)

1 MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY(16-0550140)

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

2 (a)   
 (b)

SEC Use Only

3

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4

Not Applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6

New York

Sole Voting Power

7

Number Of 255,000

Shared Voting Power

8  
 Shares Beneficially Owned By

0

Sole Dispositive Power

9  
 Each Reporting

Person 255,000

With Shared Dispositive Power

10

0

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person

11

255,000

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares

12

b

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13

11.9%

Type of Reporting Person

14

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This Amendment No. 4 amends certain information contained in the Schedule 13D filed by Merchants Mutual Insurance Company ( Mutual ) with respect to its ownership interest in Merchants Group, Inc. (the Issuer ) dated March 31, 1998, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated June 16, 1998, Amendment No. 2 dated August 17, 1998, and Amendment No. 3 dated March 20, 2006 (collectively, the Schedule 13D ).

**ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION**

Item 4 is hereby amended as follows:

Mutual has agreed to extend the time that its offer to negotiate an all cash acquisition of the Issuer will remain open until the close of business on April 21, 2006, rather than April 4, 2006, as originally contemplated in Mutual 's letter to the Issuer dated March 20, 2006.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 4, 2006

MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Bryant H. Prentice, III

Bryant H. Prentice, III  
Chairman of the Board of  
Directors