

WILLBROS GROUP INC
Form 8-K
August 18, 2006

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) August 14, 2006

WILLBROS GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Republic of Panama

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11953 **98-0160660**
(Commission File Number) **(IRS Employer Identification No.)**
Plaza 2000 Building, 50th Street, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 0816-01098, Panama, Republic of Panama

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

+50-7-213-0947

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(c) On August 14, 2006, the Registrant announced that Van A. Welch has been appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant. Mr. Welch will also serve as Treasurer of the Registrant. Mr. Welch will assume these positions on or before August 31, 2006.

Mr. Welch, age 51, has over 28 years of experience in project controls, administrative and finance positions with KBR, Inc. (formerly known as Kellogg Brown & Root), a global engineering, construction and services company, and its subsidiaries, serving most recently as Vice President Finance and Investor Relations and as a member of KBR's executive leadership team. From 1998 to 2006, Mr. Welch held various other positions with KBR including Vice President, Accounting and Finance of the Engineering and Construction Division, Vice President, Accounting and Finance of Onshore Operations and Senior Vice President of Shared Services. Mr. Welch is a Certified Public Accountant.

The Registrant intends to enter into an Employment Agreement with Mr. Welch, the final terms of which are not yet available. In accordance with Instruction 2 to Item 5.02 of Form 8-K, the Registrant will amend this Current Report on Form 8-K to report the material terms of such Employment Agreement within four business days after such information becomes available.

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.

WILLBROS GROUP, INC.

Date: August 18, 2006

By: /s/ Dennis G. Berryhill
Dennis G. Berryhill
Secretary

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