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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 1, 2003

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-6686 13-1024020

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-399-8000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 1, 2003, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("Interpublic") disposed of all of the 11,688,218 shares of Taylor Nelson Sofres plc ("TNS") stock that it received as consideration in the recent sale of NFO WorldGroup, Inc. to TNS. Interpublic will receive net cash proceeds of approximately \$40.7 million in this disposition transaction. Interpublic no longer holds any shares of TNS stock.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Date: December 1, 2003 By: /s/ Nicholas J. Camera

Nicholas J. Camera

Senior Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary