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Form 8-K
December 04, 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) November 30, 2006

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-10607	36-2678171
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 346-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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):

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

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On November 28, 2006, Old Republic International Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Old Republic Insurance Company, entered into a definitive Purchase Agreement with Aon Corporation ("Aon") for the purchase of Aon's subsidiaries, Special Risk Resources Insurance Agency, Inc. and Special Risk Resources Insurance Agency of New York, Inc. comprising Aon's Construction Program Group division. The purchase includes the policy renewal rights and related assets, as well as the portfolio of insurance in force written by the Construction Program Group through Aon's subsidiary, Virginia Surety Company. The purchase price was \$85 million in cash. The acquisition closed on November 30, 2006.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Registrant

Date: November 30, 2006

By: /s/ Karl W. Mueller

Karl W. Mueller
Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer