

TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 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): May 8, 2008**

**The Travelers Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-10898**

(Commission File Number)

**41-0518860**

(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**385 Washington Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**55102**

(Zip Code)

**(651) 310-7911**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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):

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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 8, 2008, The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the Company ) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Agreement ) with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as the representatives for the several underwriters named in Schedule 1 of the Agreement (collectively, the Underwriters ), for the issuance and sale by the Company of \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company s 5.800% Senior Notes due 2018 (the Notes ). The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. Further information concerning the Notes and related matters is set forth in the Company s Prospectus Supplement, dated May 8, 2008, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2008.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
5.1	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
99.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2008

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**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.

Date: May 13, 2008

THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce A. Backberg

Name: Bruce A. Backberg

Title: Senior Vice President

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