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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 18, 2007 (December 17, 2007) Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) CIT GROUP INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware001-31369(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)

65-1051192 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

505 Fifth Avenue

New York, New York 10017 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (212) 771-0505 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 17, 2007, CIT Group Inc. (CIT) made available to investors a pricing supplement no. 45, dated December 17, 2007, a prospectus supplement, dated February 10, 2006 and a prospectus, dated January 19, 2006, with respect to the issuance of CIT s 6.125% Senior Notes due June 15, 2009 (the 6.125% Senior Notes), the 6.500% Senior Notes due December 15, 2010 (the 6.500% Senior Notes), the 7.300% Senior Notes due December 15, 2012 (the 7.300% Senior Notes), and the 7.800% Senior Notes due December 15, 2017 (the 7.8000% Senior Notes and, together with the 6.125% Senior Notes, the 6.500% Senior Notes and the 7.300% Senior Notes, the Notes) pursuant to an indenture, dated as of January 20, 2006, between CIT and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as trustee (the Base Indenture), as amended and supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 13, 2007, between CIT and The Bank of New York, as successor Trustee (the First Supplemental Indenture, and together with the Base Indenture).

CIT filed a form of the Base Indenture as <u>Exhibit 4.3</u> to its shelf registration statement (File No. 333-131159), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on January 20, 2006 and the First Supplemental Indenture as <u>Exhibit 4.1</u> to its report on Form 8-K, dated February 6, 2007, filed with the Commission on February 13, 2007.

In connection with the issuance of the Notes, John P. Sirico, II, a Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of CIT, has delivered an opinion to CIT, dated December 17, 2007, regarding the legality of the notes upon issuance and sale thereof on December 27, 2007. A copy of the opinion as to legality is attached as <u>Exhibit 5.1</u> hereto.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith:

5.1 Opinion of CIT

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SIGNATURE

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.

CIT GROUP INC.

Dated: December 18, 2007

By: /s/Glenn A. Votek Name: Glenn A. Votek Title: Executive Vice President & Treasurer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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5.1 Opinion of CIT

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