

ST PAUL COMPANIES INC /MN/

Form 8-A12B

July 25, 2002

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**THE ST. PAUL COMPANIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**MINNESOTA**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**41-0518860**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

385 WASHINGTON STREET  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102  
(651) 310-7911  
(Address of principal executive offices)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.  A.(d), check the following box.

If this form relates to the

Securities Act registration statement file numbers to which this form relates: 333-92466, 333-92466-01, 333-73848, 73848-01 and 333-44122

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class  
to be so registered**

**Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered**

Equity Units New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. *Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.***

The class of securities to be registered hereby is the Equity Units of The St. Paul Companies, Inc., a Minnesota corporation.

For a description of the Equity Units, reference is made to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of The St. Paul Companies, Inc. and St. Paul Capital Trust II (Registration Nos. 333-92466, 333-92466-01, 333-73848, 333-73848-01 and 333-4412), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 16, 2002, as amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1, filed on July 24, 2002 (the Registration Statement), and the form of preliminary prospectus for the Equity Units included therein, which description is incorporated herein by reference. Definitive copies of the prospectus describing the Equity Units will be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and shall be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form 8-A.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

| <u>Exhibit No</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|-------------------|--|
| (1)               | Indenture between The St. Paul Companies, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, Trustee, dated as of March 12, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of The St. Paul Companies, Inc., filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 13, 2002) |
| (2)               | Form of Note.*   |
| (3)               | Form of Remarketing Agreement.*  |
| (4)               | Form of Purchase Contract Agreement.*  |
| (5)               | Form of Pledge Agreement.*   |
| (6)               | Form of Unit (included in Exhibit 4).*   |

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\* To be filed by amendment.



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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

THE ST. PAUL COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce A.  
Backberg

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Name: Bruce A.  
Backberg  
Title: Senior Vice  
President and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: July 25, 2002