

SIGNET GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
March 30, 2006

**FORM 6-K**

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

**Special Report of Foreign Issuer**

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of  
The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of March 30, 2006

**SIGNET GROUP plc**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**Zenith House**  
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**London NW9 6EW**  
**England**  
(Address of principal executive office)

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Signet Group plc (LSE: SIG and NYSE: SIG)

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## Signet to Issue \$380 Million Private Placement Senior Notes

Signet Group plc (LSE: SIG and NYSE: SIG), the world's largest speciality retail jeweller, today announced that the Group has entered into an agreement to issue \$380 million long term fixed rate senior unsecured notes (the "Senior Notes"). The Group intends to use the net proceeds of the issue principally to replace its existing \$251 million receivables securitisation (which is due to expire in November 2006) and for general corporate purposes.

The Senior Notes have three tranches as set out below:

| Amount        | Interest rate | Term     | Maturity |
|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| \$100 million | 5.95%         | 7 years  | 2013     |
| \$150 million | 6.11%         | 10 years | 2016     |
| \$130 million | 6.26%         | 12 years | 2018     |

Funding and Completion is expected on 23rd May 2006.

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**The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from such registration is available. No public offering of Securities of the Company is being made in the United States.**

**In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each a Relevant Member State), no offer of the Securities to the public is being or will be made in that Relevant Member State other than to:**

- legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities; or
- any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than EUR43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than

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EUR50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;  
-fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than "qualified investors"  
as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or  
-in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus  
Directive.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

**SIGNET GROUP plc**

By: /s/ Walker Boyd

Name: Walker Boyd

Title: Group Finance Director

Date: March 30, 2006