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May 22, 2003

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 22, 2003

AMERUS GROUP CO.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA	000-30898	42-1458424
----- (State of incorporation)	----- (Commission file number)	----- (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IOWA	50309-3948
----- (Address of principal executive offices)	----- (Zip code)

(515) 362-3600  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 22, 2003, AmerUS Group Co. (the "REGISTRANT") issued a press release announcing that it has priced \$125 million of mandatorily convertible securities (PRIDESM). Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of such press release and is incorporated by reference.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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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.

AmerUs Group Co.  
(Registrant)

Dated: May 22, 2003

By: /S/ Melinda S. Urion  
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Melinda S. Urion  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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