

NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP INC
Form 8-K
February 23, 2007
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): February 23, 2007

THE NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-18649
(Commission File Number)

63-1020300
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

661 East Davis Street
Elba, Alabama 36323
(Address of principal executive offices)

36323
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (334) 897-2273

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 February 23, 2007, The National Security Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing the affirmation of subsidiary ratings by A.M. Best. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description of Document</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated February 23, 2007, issued by The National Security Group, Inc. |
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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.

Dated: February 23, 2007

The National Security Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Brian R. McLeod
Brian R. McLeod

Chief Financial Officer



The National Security Group, Inc.

EXHIBIT 99.1

661 East Davis Street

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For Additional Information: Contact Brian R. McLeod Chief Financial Officer @ (334) 897-2273 Ext. 241.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP, INC.

A.M. BEST Affirms Financial Strength Ratings of Insurance Subsidiaries

ELBA, ALABAMA (February 23, 2007)... Today, The National Security Group, Inc. announced that A.M. Best Co. affirmed the financial strength rating (FSR) of B++ (Good) and the issuer credit rating (ICR) of bbb of National Security Fire and Casualty Company (NSFC) as well as the FSR of B+ (Good) and ICR of bbb- of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Omega One Insurance Company, Inc. (Omega One). Concurrently, A.M. Best affirmed the FSR of B (Fair) and assigned an ICR of bb to National Security Insurance Company. A.M. Best also affirmed the ICR of bb of The National Security Group, Inc.

In today's announcement, A.M. Best stated, "The outlook for all ratings is stable...The ratings of National Security reflect its adequate risk-adjusted capitalization and well-established niche position as a provider of dwelling/fire coverage in the Southeast. However, somewhat offsetting these positive rating factors is the group's geographic and product concentration in the Gulf Coast states, which subjects National Security's earnings and surplus to weather-related catastrophes. The ratings of Omega One acknowledge its low underwriting leverage and favorable operating performance. Partially offsetting these positive rating factors is the company's geographic concentration that leaves it susceptible to severe weather-related losses, as well as competitive and regulatory pressures. The ratings of National Security Insurance Company recognize the recent decline in its capital and surplus, fluctuating operating results and limited geographic profile. Partially offsetting these positive attributes are the company's adequate level of risk-adjusted capitalization, recent albeit modest growth of new premium and improved level of persistency on its ordinary life line."

With its home office in Elba, Alabama, The National Security Group, Inc. is an insurance holding company. Company shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol NSEC.

