National Interstate CORP Form 8-K January 04, 2006

UNITED STATES

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):

January 4, 2006 (September 30, 2005)

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction

000-51130 (Commission File Number) 34-1607394 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

3250 Interstate Drive

Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000

(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)

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(330) 659-8900

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

 $(Former\ Name\ or\ Former\ Address, if\ Changed\ Since\ Last\ Report)$

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

National Interstate Corporation (the Company) is announcing the closing of the purchase of Triumphe Casualty Company effective January 1, 2006 by the Company s principal insurance subsidiary National Interstate Insurance Company. This transaction was previously described in a press release dated September 30, 2005 and on Form 8-K dated October 3, 2005.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

National Interstate Corporation

By: /s/ Paul F. Haffner

Paul F. Haffner

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: January 4, 2006