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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
Dated February 4, 2005

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February 4, 2005

Commission File Number 001-15244

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH-8070 Zurich, Switzerland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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INCREASE IN THE PROVISION RECORDED BY WINTERTHUR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF WINTERTHUR INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF CHF 310 MILLION

Zurich, February 4, 2005 - Credit Suisse Group today announced that its subsidiary Winterthur Group has recorded a CHF 310 million increase in its provision (pre-tax) for contingencies relating to the sale of Winterthur International to XL Insurance (Bermuda) Limited in 2001. Winterthur Group has undertaken an extensive analysis of recently provided data relating to a three-year reserve-seasoning exposure, utilizing third-party specialists to assist in estimating the reserves required for such liabilities. On the basis of the facts known, Credit Suisse Group believes that the currently recorded provision is adequate to cover the contingencies related to this transaction.

The amount payable to XL Insurance (Bermuda) Limited is ultimately subject to an assessment of the Seasoned Net Reserves Amount by an independent actuary, who will determine which of the estimates submitted by the two parties is

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closest to the amount which the independent actuary believes to be the correct reserve, and that estimate will be conclusively deemed to be the relevant Seasoned Net Reserves Amount. This process is ongoing and, consequently, the ultimate resolution of this matter could result in a further increase in the required provision for the Winterthur International sale-related contingencies, and any such increase could be significant.

The increase in the provision will be accounted for through the profit and loss account of Credit Suisse Group and will be reflected in the figures that it will report for the fourth quarter of 2004 on February 17, 2005.

ENQUIRIES

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Credit Suisse Group is a leading global financial services company headquartered in Zurich. It provides private clients and small and medium-sized companies with private banking and financial advisory services, and pension and insurance solutions from Winterthur. In the area of investment banking, it serves global institutional, corporate, government and individual clients in its role as a financial intermediary. Credit Suisse Group's registered shares (CSGN) are listed in Switzerland and in the form of American Depositary Shares (CSR) in New York. The Group employs around 60,000 staff worldwide. As of September 30, 2004, it reported assets under management of CHF 1,232.2 billion.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This press release contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, in the future we, and others on our behalf, may make statements that constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements relating to our plans, objectives or goals; our future economic performance or prospects; the potential effect on our future performance of certain contingencies; and assumptions underlying any such statements. Words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends" and "plans" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements except as may be required by applicable laws. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that predictions, forecasts, projections and other outcomes described or implied in forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include (i) market and interest rate fluctuations; (ii) the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations in particular; (iii) the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us; (iv) the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, trade and tax policies, and currency fluctuations; (v) political and social developments, including war, civil unrest or terrorist activity; (vi) the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations; (vii) the ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access capital markets; (viii) operational factors such as systems failure, human

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error, or the failure to properly implement procedures; (ix) actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices in one or more of the countries in which we conduct our operations; (x) the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting policies or practices; (xi) competition in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations; (xii) the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel; (xiii) the ability to maintain our reputation and promote our brands; (xiv) the ability to increase market share and control expenses; (xv) technological changes; (xvi) the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; (xvii) acquisitions, including the ability to integrate successfully acquired businesses; (xviii) the adverse resolution of litigation and other contingencies; and (xix) our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing. We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive; when evaluating forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events, as well as the risks identified in our most recently filed Form 20-F and reports on Form 6-K furnished to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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.

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

(Registrant)

Date February 4, 2005

By: /s/ David Frick

(Signature)*

Head of Group Legal & Compliance

*Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

/s/ Charles Naylor

Head of Group Communications