

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
Form 8-K
December 21, 2009

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): December 15, 2009

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8940
(Commission
File Number)

13-3260245
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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6601 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 274-2200

23230

(Zip Code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements With Certain Officers.

(e) Restricted Stock. On December 15, 2009, pursuant to the 2005 Performance Incentive Plan (the Plan), the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Altria Group, Inc. (Altria) approved the aggregate values of the grants of restricted stock awards to be made on December 31, 2009 (Grant Date) to the following named executive officers as indicated below. The number of shares of restricted stock awarded will be determined based on the fair market value of Altria's common stock as of the Grant Date in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The restricted stock awards will vest five years from the Grant Date.

| Name | Aggregate Value |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Martin J. Barrington | \$ 2,000,000 |
| David R. Beran | 2,500,000 |
| Denise F. Keane | 1,500,000 |

Altria will provide additional information regarding the compensation of its executive officers in its proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be issued in April.

The terms of the restricted stock awards will be set forth in the restricted stock award agreements, which will be effective as of the Grant Date.

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.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ W. HILDEBRANDT SURGNER, JR.
Name: **W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr.**
Title: **Corporate Secretary and**

Senior Assistant General Counsel

DATE: December 21, 2009