

CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

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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): June 25, 2009

CONSECO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of organization)	001-31792 ----- (Commission File Number)	75-3108137 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
11825 North Pennsylvania Street Carmel, Indiana ----- (Address of principal executive offices)		46032 ----- (Zip Code)

(317) 817-6100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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.

On June 25, 2009, Consecos, Inc. ("Consecos" or the "Company") announced that it had reached an agreement under which two insurance companies in its Consecos Insurance Group unit will coinsure, with an effective date of January 1, 2009, about 104,000 non-core life insurance policies with Wilton Reassurance Company ("Wilton Re"), a Minnesota reinsurance company.

In the transaction, Wilton Re will pay a ceding commission of approximately \$57.5 million and 100% coinsure and administer these policies. The Consecos companies will transfer to Wilton Re approximately \$409 million in cash and policy loans and \$466 million of statutory policy and other reserves. The transaction, which is subject to the approval of insurance regulators in Illinois and Wisconsin, is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2009.

Most of the policies involved in the transaction were issued by companies that were later acquired by Consecos. Approximately 70% of the policies being coinsured are from Washington National Insurance Company; the remainder are from Consecos Insurance Company.

As a result of the transaction, Consecos expects to record an increase to its deferred tax valuation allowance of approximately \$18 million in the third quarter of 2009. Consecos also expects to record a deferred gain of approximately \$25 million. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), this gain will be recognized over the remaining life of the block. In the first quarter of 2009, the block being coinsured generated GAAP after-tax earnings before overhead of approximately \$2.5 million. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Consecos, Inc. dated June 25, 2009.

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.

CONSECO, INC.

June 26, 2009

By: */s/ John R. Kline*

John R. Kline
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

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Conseco Announces Reinsurance Transaction to Build Capital

Carmel, Ind., June 25, 2009 - Conseco, Inc. (NYSE:CNO) today announced an agreement under which two insurance companies in its Conseco Insurance Group unit will coinsure, with an effective date of January 1, 2009, about 104,000 non-core life insurance policies with Wilton Reassurance Company ("Wilton Re"), a Minnesota reinsurance company.

"Completing this step is expected to increase Conseco's consolidated risk-based capital ratio by 8 percentage points, along with increasing statutory capital," said Conseco CEO Jim Prieur. "In addition, this transaction will further simplify our administrative operations as we focus on our core insurance businesses."

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Most of the policies involved in the transaction were issued by companies that were later acquired by Conseco. Approximately 70% of the policies being coinsured are from Washington National Insurance Company; the remainder are from Conseco Insurance Company.

As a result of the transaction, Conseco expects to record an increase to its deferred tax valuation allowance of approximately \$18 million in the third quarter of 2009. Conseco also expects to record a deferred gain of approximately \$25 million. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), this gain will be recognized over the remaining life of the block. In the first quarter of 2009, the block being coinsured generated GAAP after-tax earnings before overhead of approximately \$2.5 million.

About Conseco

Conseco, Inc.'s insurance companies help protect working American families and seniors from financial adversity: Medicare supplement, long-term care, cancer, heart/stroke and accident policies protect people against major unplanned expenses; annuities and life insurance products help people plan for their financial futures. For more information, visit Conseco's website at www.conseco.com.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Our statements, trend analyses and other information contained in this press release relative to markets for Conseco's products and trends in Conseco's operations or financial results, as well as other statements, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements typically are identified by the use of terms such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "may," "will," "would," "contemplate," "possible," "attempt," "seek," "should," "could," "goal," "target," "on track," "comfortable with," "optimistic" and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. You should consider statements that contain these words carefully because they describe our expectations, plans, strategies and goals and our beliefs concerning future business conditions, our results of operations, financial position, and our business outlook or they state other "forward-looking" information based on currently available information. Assumptions and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements include, among other things: (i) general economic, market and political conditions, including the performance and fluctuations of the financial markets which may affect our ability to raise capital or refinance existing indebtedness and the cost of doing so; (ii) our ability to continue to satisfy the financial ratio and balance requirements and other covenants of our debt agreements; (iii) our ability to generate sufficient liquidity to meet our debt service obligations and other cash needs; (iv) our ability to obtain adequate and timely rate increases on our supplemental health products including our long-term care business; (v) the receipt of required regulatory approvals for dividend and surplus debenture interest payments from our insurance subsidiaries; (vi) mortality, morbidity, the increased cost and usage of health care services, persistency, the adequacy of our previous reserve estimates and other factors which may affect the profitability of our insurance products; (vii) changes in our assumptions related to the cost of policies produced or the value of policies in force at the effective date of our emergence from bankruptcy; (viii) the recoverability of our deferred tax asset and the effect of potential tax rate changes on its value; (ix) changes in accounting principles and the interpretation thereof; (x) our ability to achieve anticipated expense reductions and levels of operational efficiencies including improvements in claims adjudication and continued automation and rationalization of operating systems, (xi) performance and valuation of our investments, including the impact of realized losses (including other-than-temporary impairment charges); (xii) our ability to identify products and markets in which we can compete effectively against competitors with greater market share, higher ratings, greater financial resources and stronger brand recognition; (xiii) the ultimate outcome of lawsuits filed against us and other legal and regulatory proceedings to which we are subject; (xiv) our ability to complete the remediation of the material weakness in internal controls over our actuarial reporting process and to maintain effective controls over financial reporting; (xv) our ability to continue to recruit and retain productive agents and distribution partners and customer response to new products, distribution channels and marketing initiatives; (xvi) our ability to achieve eventual upgrades of the financial strength ratings of Conseco and our insurance company subsidiaries as well as the potential impact of ratings downgrades on our business; (xvii) the risk factors or uncertainties listed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission; (xviii) regulatory changes or actions, including those relating to regulation of the financial affairs of our insurance companies, such as the payment of dividends and surplus debenture interest to us, regulation of financial services affecting (among other things) bank sales and underwriting of insurance products, regulation of the sale, underwriting and pricing of products, and health care regulation affecting health insurance products; and (xix) changes in the Federal income tax laws and regulations which may affect or eliminate the relative tax advantages of some of our products. Other factors and assumptions not identified above are also relevant to the forward-looking statements, and if they prove incorrect, could also cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statement. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. We assume no obligation to update or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, future events or developments, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting the forward-looking statements.

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