

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2006

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**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) August 1, 2006

**CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-5823**

(Commission File Number)

**36-6169860**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**333 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60685**

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**(312) 822-5000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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 August 1, 2006, the Registrant issued a press release announcing plans to retire its outstanding Series H Cumulative Preferred Stock. The press release is filed as exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 99.1               | CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued August 1, 2006. |

**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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: August 1, 2006

/s/ D. Craig Mense

By: D. Craig Mense

Its: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer