

COLES GROUP LTD
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT 1934

For the month of April, 2007

COLES GROUP LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

800 TOORAK ROAD, TOORONGA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Tuesday, 3 April 2007

Ownership review update

Coles Group Limited said today that it had received a conditional proposal from Wesfarmers Limited to acquire all of the issued shares in the Company for an indicative price of \$16.47 per share. The proposal would allow shareholders to retain the 19.5 cent dividend declared on March 26 2007.

Wesfarmers had also advised that it now has voting power over 11.3 percent of Coles Group shares.

Coles Group Chairman Rick Allert said Wesfarmers' proposal, if implemented, would be by way of a scheme of arrangement that would allow shareholders to choose between an all cash offer and a mix of cash and Wesfarmers' scrip.

Mr Allert said Wesfarmers had described its proposal as non-binding, indicative, incomplete and as expressing its current intentions only. The Wesfarmers proposal was also submitted on the basis of immediate commencement of due diligence.

Mr Allert said Coles Group would now enter into discussions with Wesfarmers with a view to agreeing an accelerated timetable for due diligence.

"Wesfarmers' proposal for the whole of the Company reinforces our view that we have a set of unique and very valuable businesses in the Coles Group.

"The level of interest in these assets remains high and we are committed to maximising value for our shareholders by continuing to run a competitive process," Mr Allert said.

Mr Allert said the Company would keep shareholders updated about progress concerning the ownership review.

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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 authorised.

COLES GROUP LIMITED

(Registrant)

By /s/ R F BENNETT

(Signature)

ROBERT F BENNETT

COMPANY SECRETARIAT MANAGER

Date April 5, 2007