## 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): October 26, 2005

# Fidelity National Title Group, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

1-9396

(Commission File Number)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

86-0498599 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

601 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32204

(Addresses of Principal Executive Offices)

(904) 854-8100 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area 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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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 26, 2005, Fidelity National Title Group, Inc. issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits

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 Description

 99.1
 Press release announcing Fidelity National Title Group, Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2005 EPS of \$0.98.

#### SIGNATURE

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.

Date: October 27, 2005

Fidelity National Title Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Anthony J. Park Name: Anthony J. Park Title: Chief Financial Officer

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# PRESS RELEASE

#### Fidelity National Title Group, Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2005 EPS of \$0.98

Jacksonville, Fla. — (October 26, 2005) — Fidelity National Title Group, Inc. (NYSE:FNT), the nation's largest title insurance company and a majorityowned subsidiary of Fidelity National Financial, Inc. (NYSE:FNF), today reported operating results for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005.

|                          | 3rd Quarter 2005<br>Net Earnings<br>\$169.7 million | 3rd Quarter 2004<br>Net Earnings<br>\$135.9 million |              |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------|
|                          | \$0.98 per diluted share                            | \$0.78 per diluted share                            |              |
| Nine Months              | Ended September 30, 2005                            | Nine Months Ended Septem                            | ber 30, 2004 |
| Net Earnings             |   | Net Earnings  |              |
| \$412.6 million          |   | \$413.2 million                                     |              |
| \$2.38 per diluted share |   | \$2.38 per diluted s                                | share        |

• Total revenue for the third quarter of 2005 was \$1.78 billion, compared with \$1.56 billion for the third quarter of 2004

• Total title and escrow revenue was \$1.73 billion for the third quarter of 2005 versus \$1.53 billion in the third quarter of 2004

• Direct title premiums were \$626 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared with direct title premiums of \$504 million for the third quarter of 2004

• Escrow and other title related fees were \$325 million for the third quarter of 2005 versus \$266 million for the third quarter of 2004

• Agency title premiums were \$779 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared with agency title premiums of \$762 million for the third quarter of 2004

| (In thousands)        | 3rd Quarter 2005 | 3rd Quarter 2004 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Agency Title Premiums | \$779,117        | \$761,712        |
| Agent Commissions     | 612,139          | 595,523          |
| Net                   | 166,978          | 166,189          |
| Agent Commission %    | 78.6%            | 78.2%            |

- The total provision for claim losses was \$104 million for the third quarter of 2005 compared with \$69 million for the third quarter of 2004
- Interest expense for the third quarter of 2005 was \$5 million compared with \$1 million for the third quarter of 2004
- Cash flow from operations was \$204 million for the third quarter of 2005 and \$595 million for the first nine months of 2005

"This was a great financial quarter as we begin operating as a publicly traded company," said Chief Executive Officer Raymond R.Quirk. "We produced \$0.98 in earnings per share and more than \$200 million in cash flow from operations. Order volumes were solid and we were able to make some necessary headcount reductions late in the quarter as we enter the normally seasonally slower fourth quarter. We will remain focused on staffing and productivity in order to maximize the margins we earn in the business."

The following table depicts monthly direct orders opened and closed in the title and escrow business for the third quarter of both 2005 and 2004:

| Month       | Direct Orders Opened | Direct Orders Closed | Closing % |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| July 2005   | 261,200              | 192,000              | 74%       |
| August 2005 | 295,800              | 218,900              | 74%       |

| Month              | Direct Orders Opened | Direct Orders Closed | Closing % |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| September 2005     | 264,700              | 192,000              | 73%       |
| Third Quarter 2005 | 821,700              | 602,900              | 73%       |
|                    |                      |                      |           |
| Month              | Direct Orders Opened | Direct Orders Closed | Closing % |
| July 2004          | 246,600              | 182,900              | 74%       |
| August 2004        | 256,100              | 182,100              | 71%       |
| September 2004     | 253,800              | 177,200              | 70%       |
| Third Quarter 2004 | 756,500              | 542,200              | 72%       |

The following table depicts monthly commercial direct orders opened and closed in the title and escrow business for the third quarter of both 2005 and 2004:

|                  | Open Commercial<br>Orders | Closed Commercial<br>Orders | Commercial Revenue<br>(In thousands) | Commercial Fee Per<br>File |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3rd Quarter 2005 | 15,100                    | 9,000                       | \$73,200                             | \$8,100                    |
| 3rd Quarter 2004 | 14,000                    | 9,100                       | \$58,800                             | \$6,400                    |

Fidelity National Title Group, Inc. is the nation's largest title insurance company. The Company's title insurance underwriters <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Fidelity National Title, Chicago Title, Ticor Title, Security Union Title and Alamo Title <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> issue approximately 31 percent of all title insurance policies in the United States. Through its direct operations and agencies, the Company provides title insurance in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada. In 2005, FNT also acquired Service Link, a leading provider of title and closing services to major financial institutions and lenders, including six of the top 10 lending institutions in the United States ranked by loan origination volume. More information about Fidelity National Title Group can be found at <u>www.fntg.com</u>

FNT is a majority-owned subsidiary of Fidelity National Financial Inc., number 261 on the Fortune 500 and a provider of products and outsourced services and solutions to financial institutions and the real estate industry. More information about FNF can be found at <u>www.fnf.com</u>.

This press release contains statements related to future events and expectations and, as such, constitutes forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be different from those expressed or implied above. The Company expressly disclaims any duty to update or revise forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties which forward-looking statements are subject to include, but are not limited to, the effect of governmental regulations, the economy, competition and other risks detailed from time to time in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis" section of the Company's Form 10-K and other reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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#### FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE GROUP, INC. SUMMARY OF EARNINGS (In thousands, except per share amounts and order information)

|                                       |                       | Three months ended<br>September 30, |             | Nine months ended<br>September 30, |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
|                                       | 2005                  | 2004                                | 2005        | 2004                               |  |
| Direct title manufacture              |                       | naudited)                           |             | eudited)                           |  |
| Direct title premiums                 | \$ 626,178<br>770,117 | \$ 504,356                          | \$1,643,574 | \$1,491,375                        |  |
| Agency title premiums                 | 779,117               | 761,712                             | 2,083,317   | 2,110,142                          |  |
| Total title premiums                  | 1,405,295             | 1,266,068                           | 3,726,891   | 3,601,517                          |  |
| Escrow and other title-related fees   | 324,910               | 265,891                             | 868,375     | 779,910                            |  |
| Total title and escrow                | 1,730,205             | 1,531,959                           | 4,595,266   | 4,381,427                          |  |
| Interest and investment income        | 31,636                | 17,386                              | 77,066      | 45,549                             |  |
| Realized gains and losses             | 3,583                 | 551                                 | 25,505      | 17,595                             |  |
| Other                                 | 11,461                | 12,734                              | 31,481      | 34,307                             |  |
| Total revenue                         | 1,776,885             | 1,562,630                           | 4,729,318   | 4,478,878                          |  |
| Personnel costs                       | 511,325               | 429,808                             | 1,415,928   | 1,267,871                          |  |
| Other operating expenses              | 248,751               | 227,119                             | 699,844     | 640,290                            |  |
| Agent commissions                     | 612,139               | 595,523                             | 1,617,260   | 1,651,066                          |  |
| Depreciation and amortization         | 23,818                | 24,907                              | 73,207      | 69,100                             |  |
| Claim loss expense                    | 103,612               | 69,495                              | 254,289     | 194,505                            |  |
| Interest expense                      | 4,669                 | 830                                 | 5,393       | 3,086                              |  |
| Total expenses                        | 1,504,314             | 1,347,682                           | 4,065,921   | 3,825,918                          |  |
| Earnings before income taxes          | 272,571               | 214,948                             | 663,397     | 652,960                            |  |
| Income tax expense                    | 102,137               | 78,671                              | 248,774     | 238,983                            |  |
| Minority interest                     | 700                   | 354                                 | 1,992       | 809                                |  |
| Net earnings                          | \$ 169,734            | \$ 135,923                          | \$ 412,631  | \$ 413,168                         |  |
| Net earnings per share – basic        | \$ 0.98               | \$ 0.78                             | \$ 2.38     | \$ 2.38                            |  |
| Net earnings per share – diluted      | \$ 0.98               | \$ 0.78                             | \$ 2.38     | \$ 2.38                            |  |
| Weighted average shares – basic (1)   | 173,520               | 173,520                             | 173,520     | 173,520                            |  |
| Weighted average shares – diluted (1) | 173,520               | 173,520                             | 173,520     | 173,520                            |  |
| Direct operations orders opened       | 821,700               | 756,500                             | 2,398,900   | 2,445,700                          |  |
| Direct operations orders closed       | 602,900               | 542,200                             | 1,651,800   | 1,708,100                          |  |
| Fee Per File                          | \$ 1,508              | \$ 1,397                            | \$ 1,469    | \$ 1,301                           |  |

(1) Net earnings per share is a pro forma presentation based on the distribution of 173,520 shares on October 17, 2005

#### FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE GROUP, INC. SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION (In thousands, except per share amounts)

|                               | September 30,     | December 31,      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               | 2005<br>Unaudited | 2004<br>Unaudited |
| Cash and investment portfolio | \$ 3,873,134      | \$3,087,903       |
| Goodwill                      | 1,074,017         | 959,600           |
| Capitalized software          | 69,066            | 77,322            |
| Other intangible assets       | 49,519            | 38,797            |
| Total assets                  | 6,042,067         | 5,074,091         |
| Notes payable                 | 657,076           | 22,390            |
| Reserve for claim losses      | 1,025,718         | 980,746           |
| Secured trust deposits        | 1,004,122         | 735,295           |
| Total stockholders' equity    | 2,396,669         | 2,676,756         |
| Book value per share          | 13.81             | 15.43             |

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