

State Auto Financial CORP
Form 8-K
July 17, 2007

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): July 17, 2007 (July 12, 2007)

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-19289
(Commission File Number)

31-1324304
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

43215-3976
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

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))
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Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 12, 2007, State Auto Financial Corporation (the *Company* or *State Auto Financial*), as borrower, entered into a Credit Agreement (the *New Credit Agreement*) with a syndicate of financial institutions, as lenders, and KeyBank National Association, as Administrative Agent, Lead Arranger, Sole Book Runner and Swingline Lender. The New Credit Agreement provides for a \$200.0 million five-year unsecured revolving credit facility (the *Credit Facility*). During the term of the Credit Facility, the Company has the right to increase the total facility amount by \$50.0 million, up to a maximum total facility amount of \$250.0 million, provided that no event of default has occurred and is continuing. The Credit Facility is available for general corporate purposes, including working capital, acquisitions and liquidity purposes. The Credit Facility provides for interest-only payments during its term, with principal due in full at maturity. Interest is based on either a London interbank market rate or a base rate plus a calculated margin amount. The Credit Facility replaced the Company's existing \$100.0 million revolving credit facility, which was terminated in connection with entering into the New Credit Agreement. See Item 1.02 below.

The New Credit Agreement contains certain covenants, including financial covenants that require the Company to (i) maintain a minimum net worth and (ii) not exceed a certain debt to capitalization ratio.

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

In connection with entering into the New Credit Agreement, the Company terminated its Credit Agreement dated November 9, 2005 (the *Old Credit Agreement*). The Old Credit Agreement provided the Company with a \$100.0 million five-year unsecured revolving credit facility.

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

Information concerning the Company's new Credit Agreement is set forth in Item 1.01, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.1 | Credit Agreement dated as of July 12, 2007, among State Auto Financial Corporation, as borrower, a syndicate of financial institutions, as lenders, and KeyBank National Association, as Administrative Agent, Lead Arranger, Sole Book Runner and Swingline Lender. |

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.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: July 17, 2007

By /s/ Steven E. English
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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