SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):December 18, 1998.

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware1-668613-1024020(State or other (Commission(IRS EmployerJurisdictionFile Number)Identification Number)of incorporation)(IRS Employer

1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-399-8000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)