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**VIA EDGAR AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Mr. Terry French  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Mailstop 3720-CF/AD 11  
450 Fifth Street., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: **The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.**  
**Item 4.02 of Form 8-K**  
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Dear Mr. French:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 30, 2006 to Nicholas Camera of our company. As Mr. Dharia, SEC Staff Accountant, discussed with Nicolas Grabar, of our outside counsel Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, I am writing to confirm the timing for our response. We expect to provide a response on or before Monday, April 17.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven C. Planchard  
Steven C. Planchard

cc: The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.  
Nicholas J. Camera, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Christopher Carroll, Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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