ALTRIA GROUP INC Form 8-K January 29, 2003

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): January 27, 2003

ALTRIA GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia Virginia1-894013-3260245(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1-8940

13-3260245

120 Park Avenue, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices) 10017-5592 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (917) 663-4000

PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES INC. (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 5. Other Events.

On January 27, 2003, Philip Morris Companies Inc. changed its name to

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"Altria Group, Inc." The "MO" New York Stock Exchange ticker symbol remains the same.

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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.

Dated: January 29, 2003

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ G. PENN HOLSENBECK

Name: G. Penn Holsenbeck

Title: Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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