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Form 8-K  
December 14, 2005

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

DECEMBER 14, 2005  
(Date of Report)

CNA SURETY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

1-13277  
(Commission File No.)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction)

36-4144905  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

CNA CENTER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60685  
(Zip code)

(312) 822-5000  
(Registrant's telephone number, include area code)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

CNA Surety Corporation renewed President and Chief Executive Officer John F. Welch's employment contract that was expiring on December 31, 2005. The new contract term is from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008. Other than an increase in base salary to \$435,000 the new contract has substantially similar terms to the expiring contract.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 10 (30) - Employment Agreement with John F. Welch,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CNA SURETY CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ John F. Corcoran

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John F. Corcoran  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 14, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

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