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Form 8-K  
August 12, 2002

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: August 12, 2002)

AMERUS GROUP CO.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

IOWA	000-30898	42-1458424
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IOWA (Address of principal executive offices)	50309-3948 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 362-3600

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 12, 2002, in connection with the filing of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002 of Amerus Group Co. (the "Company") the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company respectively made the certifications, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, set forth in this Item 9.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1350 OF CHAPTER 63  
OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

I, Roger K. Brooks, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of AmerUs Group Co., certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that (i) the Quarterly Report of AmerUs Group Co. on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of

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operations of AmerUs Group Co.

/s/ Roger K. Brooks  
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Roger K. Brooks  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
AmerUs Group Co.

Dated: August 12, 2002  
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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1350 OF CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Melinda S. Urion, Chief Financial Officer of AmerUs Group Co., certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that (i) the Quarterly Report of AmerUs Group Co. on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of AmerUs Group Co.

/s/ Melinda S. Urion  
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Melinda S. Urion  
Chief Financial Officer  
AmerUs Group Co.

Dated: August 12, 2002  
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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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMERUS GROUP CO.

By: /s/ ROGER K. BROOKS  
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Roger K. Brooks  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 12, 2002