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January 05, 2004

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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 5, 2004

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CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-5823	36-6169860
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

CNA PLAZA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	60685
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued January 5, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On January 5, 2004 Registrant issued a press release announcing that it has completed the previously announced sale of its Group Benefits business to Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. for approximately \$500 million. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: January 5, 2004

/s/ Robert V. Deutsch

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By: Robert V. Deutsch  
Its: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer