

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 24, 2001  
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VENATOR GROUP, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	No. 1-10299	13-3513936
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission File Number)	----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
112 West 34th Street, New York, New York		10120
----- (Address of principal executive offices)		----- (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 720-3700

Item 5. Other Events.

The Registrant's condensed consolidated balance sheets (unaudited) at May 5, 2001 and April 29, 2000 are attached as Exhibit 99, which, in its entirety, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

In accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K, an index of exhibits is included in this Form 8-K on page 3.

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 being hereunto duly authorized.

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

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(Registrant)

Date: May 24, 2001

By: /s/ Bruce L. Hartman

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Bruce L. Hartman  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

INDEX OF EXHIBITS  
FURNISHED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
ITEM 601 OF REGULATION S-K

Exhibit No. in Item 601  
of Regulation S-K  
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Description  
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99

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)  
at May 5, 2001 and April 29, 2000

## Exhibit 99

VENATOR GROUP, INC.  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(In millions)

	May 5, 2001 ----- (unaudited)	April 29, 2000 ----- (unaudited)
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29	\$ 144
Merchandise inventories	786	731
Net assets of discontinued operations	58	56
Assets held for disposal	32	46
Other current assets	113	118
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	1,018	1,095
Property and equipment, net	656	729
Deferred tax assets	236	316
Goodwill, net	141	149
Other assets	169	143
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	\$2,220	\$2,432
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<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Short-term debt	\$ --	\$ 101
Accounts payable	280	237
Accrued liabilities	196	216
Current portion of reserve for restructuring and discontinued operations	66	57
Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	54	93
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	596	704
Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	258	312
Other liabilities	318	275
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	1,048	1,141
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	\$2,220	\$2,432
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