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METLIFE INC
Form 8-K
December 29, 2006

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): December 28, 2006

METLIFE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-15787

13-4075851

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

200 Park Avenue, New York, New York

10166-0188

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

212-578-2211

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On December 19, 2006, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MLIC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc., as tenant, signed an Office Lease Agreement (the "Lease") with NY-1095 Avenue of the Americas, L.L.C. ("1095"), an affiliate of Equity Office Properties Trust, as landlord, the effectiveness

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of which was subject to MLIC delivering notice to 1095 that the Board of Directors of MLIC (the "Board") had approved the Lease.

MLIC delivered notice of Board approval to 1095 on December 28, 2006, and the Lease became effective on that date.

Pursuant to the Lease, MLIC will occupy approximately 410,000 square feet in a building located at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York (the "Building") for a term of approximately 21 years, commencing on a date on or after January 1, 2008 in which 1095 shall have substantially completed certain construction in the Building. The Lease provides for the payment, monthly, of base rent and MLIC's pro-rata share of increases in operating costs and taxes relating to the Building, as well as payment for its electric and other utility costs. The Lease contains renewal options, rights of first offer, expansion options, signage rights and the right to name the Building, as well as other rights typically granted to tenants, and provides for the reimbursement of a portion of MLIC's construction and build-out costs.

MetLife, Inc. estimates that MLIC's gross rental obligation over the term of the Lease will be approximately \$850 million. This amount does not include deduction for landlord payments for tenant improvements or special landlord contributions. A copy of the press release announcing the signing of the Lease is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On December 29, 2006, MetLife, Inc. issued a press release announcing the resolution of an investigation by the New York Attorney General's Office. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits.

99.1 Joint press release of MetLife, Inc. and Equity Office Properties Trust, dated December 28, 2006, announcing the signing of the Lease.

99.2 Press release of MetLife, Inc., dated December 29, 2006.

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.

METLIFE, INC.

By: /s/ Gwenn L. Carr

Name: Gwenn L. Carr

Title: Senior Vice-President and Secretary

Date: December 29, 2006

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