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December 16, 2002

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FORM 6-K SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2002 Commission File Number 001-15244

Credit Suisse Group

Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH 8070 Zurich, Switzerland

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On November 28, 2002, Moody's Investors Service lowered the insurance financial strength rating of Winterthur Insurance from Aa3 to A1, and the senior debt rating of Winterthur Capital Ltd. from A1 to A2, with a negative outlook.

On November 26, 2002, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") lowered Credit Suisse Group's long-term debt rating from A+ to A; Credit Suisse Group's A-1 short-term debt rating was affirmed. S&P lowered Credit Suisse First

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Boston's long-term debt rating from AA- to A+ and its short-term debt rating from A-1+ to A-1. S&P lowered Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc.'s long-term debt rating from AA- to A+ and its short-term debt rating from A-1+ to A-1. S&P lowered Credit Suisse's long-term debt rating from AA- to A+ and its short-term debt rating from A-1+ to A-1. S&P revised the outlook, an indication of longer-term trends, of Credit Suisse Group, Credit Suisse First Boston, Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. and Credit Suisse to "stable".

 ${\tt S\&P}$ also lowered its insurer financial strength and debt ratings on Winterthur Insurance from AA- to A, with a negative outlook.

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.

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

By: /s/ David Frick

Name: David Frick Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Karin Rhomberg Hug

Name: Karin Rhomberg Hug Title: Managing Director

Dated: December 16, 2002