

EVEREST RE GROUP LTD  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2012

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)  
February 22, 2012

Everest Re Group, Ltd.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Bermuda   | 1-15731                     | 98-0365432                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| Wessex House – 2nd Floor<br>45 Reid Street<br>PO Box HM 845<br>Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda | Not Applicable |
| (Address of principal executive offices)   | (Zip Code)     |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 441-295-0006

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 February 22, 2012, the registrant issued a news release announcing an increase in its share repurchase authorization by an additional 5 million shares. A copy of that news release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | News Release of the registrant, dated February 22, 2012 |

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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.

EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.

By: /S/ KEITH T. SHOEMAKER  
Keith T. Shoemaker  
Comptroller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: February 22, 2012

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