

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD
Form 8-K
March 18, 2010

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): March 12, 2010

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

Renaissance House

001-14428
(Commission

File Number)

98-014-1974
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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8-20 East Broadway, Pembroke

Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-4513

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 12, 2010, RenRe North America Holdings Inc. (RRNAH), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the Company), and the Company agreed to sell \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of RRNAH s 5.750% Senior Notes due 2020 (Notes). The Notes were offered pursuant to a Registration Statement (Nos. 333-143585 and 333-143585-01) on Form S-3 and are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Company. In connection with this agreement, RRNAH and the Company entered into several contracts as described below.

Underwriting Agreement

On March 12, 2010, RRNAH and the Company entered into an underwriting agreement with Banc of America Securities LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as representatives of the underwriters named therein, with respect to the offer and sale of \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto.

Senior Indenture and First Supplemental Indenture

On March 17, 2010, RRNAH, the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee, entered into a Senior Indenture and a First Supplemental Indenture. Copies of these agreements are filed as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 hereto.

Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement

On March 17, 2010, the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as guarantee trustee, entered into a Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement. A copy of this agreement is filed as Exhibit 4.3 hereto.

The foregoing descriptions of these agreements are qualified by reference to the agreements themselves, which are attached as exhibits to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The exhibits to this report are incorporated by reference into Registration Statement (Nos. 333-143585 and 333-143585-01) filed by RRNAH and the Company.

(d) Exhibits

1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated March 12, 2010 among RenRe North America Holdings Inc., RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and the other underwriters named therein.

4.1 Senior Indenture dated March 17, 2010 among RenRe North America Holdings Inc., RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas.

4.2 First Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the Notes) dated March 17, 2010 among RenRe North America Holdings Inc., RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas.

4.3 Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement dated March 17, 2010 between RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas.

5.1 Opinion of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

5.2 Opinion of Conyers Dill & Pearman.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: March 18, 2010

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein
Name: Stephen H. Weinstein
Title: SVP, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

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