

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2005  
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): July 26, 2005

	RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	34-0-26512 (Commission File Number)	98-014-1974 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Renaissance House 8-20 East Broadway, Pembroke Bermuda (Address of principal executive offices)	HM 19 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-4513

Not Applicable  
(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 26, 2005, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing the Company's preliminary results for the quarter ended June 30, 2005. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. This Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 hereto are each being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and are therefore not to be considered "filed" with the SEC.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in the Press Release, the Company has included certain non-GAAP financial measures in the Press Release within the meaning of Regulation G. The Company has consistently provided these financial measurements in previous earnings releases and the Company's management believes that these measurements are important to investors and other interested persons, and that investors and such other persons benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison between quarters and for comparison with other companies in the industry. These measures may not, however, be comparable to similarly titled measures used by companies outside of the insurance industry, or by other insurers. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these non-GAAP measure in assessing the Company's overall financial performance.

The Company has included in the Press Release "operating income available to common shareholders" of \$170.4 million in the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with \$148.1 million in the second quarter of 2004) and of \$224.9 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$284.5 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004). The Company has also included in the Press Release "operating income per common share" of \$2.37 during the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with \$2.07 per common share during the second quarter of 2004) and of \$3.12 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$3.97 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004). Each of these measures is a non-GAAP financial measure.

The Company uses "operating income" as a measure to evaluate the underlying fundamentals of its operations and believes it to be a useful measure of its corporate performance. "Operating income" differs from "net income," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, only by the exclusion of net realized gains and losses on investments. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "net income available to common shareholders" during the second quarter of 2005 was \$172.0 million (as compared with \$121.2 million during the second quarter of 2004) and was \$216.3 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$290.1 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004). In the Press Release, the Company also provides that "net income per common share" during the second quarter of 2005 was \$2.39 (as compared with \$1.69 per common share during the second quarter of 2004) and was \$3.00 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$4.05 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004). In addition to the reasons for this presentation set forth above, the Company's management also believes that presentation of "operating income" is useful to investors because it presents the Company's results of operations without the variability arising from fluctuations in net realized investment gains and losses from the Company's investment portfolio, which is not considered by the Company's management to be a relevant indicator of business operations.

The Company has also included in the Press Release "total managed catastrophe premium" of \$188.7 million in the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with \$175.5 million in the second quarter of 2004) and of \$564.2 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$616.9 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004), which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal difference between "total managed catastrophe premium" and "total catastrophe premium," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is the inclusion in "total managed catastrophe premium" of catastrophe premium written by Top Layer Reinsurance Ltd., a joint venture which is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "total catastrophe premium" was \$169.1 million in the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with \$150.3 million during the second quarter of 2004) and was \$504.8 million for the six-month period

ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with \$552.6 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004).

The Company has also included in the Press Release "operating return on average common equity (annualized)" of 30.6% for the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with 26.1% for the second quarter of

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2004) and of 20.4% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with 25.8% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004), which is a non-GAAP financial measure. The principal differences between "operating return on average common equity (annualized)" and "return on average common equity (annualized)," which the Company believes is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, are that "operating return on average equity (annualized)" excludes realized gains and losses on investments. In the Press Release, the Company provides that "return on average common equity (annualized)" was 30.8% in the second quarter of 2005 (as compared with 21.3% for the second quarter of 2004) and was 19.6% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 (as compared with 26.3% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit #	Description
99.1*	Copy of the Company's press release, issued July 26, 2005

\*Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished to the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 and is not being filed with the SEC. Therefore, this exhibit is not incorporated by reference in any of the registrant's other SEC filings.

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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.

Date: July 26, 2005

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ John M. Lummis

Name: John M. Lummis

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief  
Operating Officer and Chief Financial  
Officer

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