RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K April 19, 2011

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): April 18, 2011

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction

001-14428 (Commission 98-014-1974 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Renaissance House

12 Crow Lane, Pembroke

Bermuda HM 19
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
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)
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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 8.01. Other Events

On April 18, 2011, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. issued a press release (the <u>Press Release</u>) announcing its initial loss estimate from the Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, which impacted the northeastern coast of Japan on March 11, 2011. A copy of the Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit # Description

99.1 Press Release, dated April 18, 2011

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: April 19, 2011

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Kelly Name: Jeffrey D. Kelly

Title: EVP, Chief Financial Officer

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