

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD

Form 8-K

February 17, 2004

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**

February 17, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Arch Capital Group Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

0-26456
(Commission File Number)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Wessex House, 45 Reid Street, Hamilton HM 12 Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(441) 278-9250

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

ITEM 7. Exhibits.

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 99 | Press Release dated February 17, 2004, announcing the earnings of Arch Capital Group Ltd. (the Company) for the three-month period ended December 31, 2003. |

ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 is a press release issued on February 17, 2004, announcing the Company's earnings for the three-month period ended December 31, 2003.

The information in this Form 8-K, including the information set forth in Exhibit 99, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

Date: February 17, 2004

By: /s/ John D. Vollaro
Name: John D. Vollaro
Title: Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer

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