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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September, 2002

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Baarerstrasse 8
CH-6300 Zug
Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG

By: _____

Name: Dirk Lohmann
Title: CEO

By: _____

Name: Christian Felderer
Title: Group General Counsel

Date: September 23, 2002

Converium Reinsurance (North America) Inc., New York

New York, USA September 20, 2002 Converium Reinsurance (North America) Inc. today announced several management appointments and organizational changes.

Paul Braithwaite, who continues in his roles as Chief Actuary for the Company and Chief Underwriting Officer for accident and health business, has assumed chief underwriting responsibility for workers' compensation business and the Company's non-traditional reinsurance unit. Mr. Braithwaite has been with Converium North America and its predecessor companies since 1993. He is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS), where he has served on the board of directors, and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and the International Actuarial Association. Mr. Braithwaite holds a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a master's degree in business administration from New York University.

Gary Prestia, who continues as Senior Vice President and Chief Underwriting Officer for property, ocean marine and agribusiness, has assumed overall underwriting responsibility for general liability, casualty clash, automobile and Canadian business. His responsibilities also include the Company's individual risk business (other than for excess and surplus lines and professional business). Mr. Prestia joined Converium in 1998. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in Property/Casualty Insurance from The College of Insurance as well as Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate in Reinsurance (ARe) designations.

Matthew G. Fay, who continues as Senior Vice President and Chief Underwriting Officer for professional on both a treaty and individual risk basis, now also oversees excess and surplus lines on both a treaty and individual risk basis, as well as surety and umbrella business. Mr. Fay joined Converium in 2000. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Binghamton University and is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS).

Brian E. Kensil will continue as Chief Financial Officer for Converium Reinsurance (North America), and will now also serve as President of the Company's insurance subsidiary, Converium Insurance (North America) Inc. Mr. Kensil joined Converium in 1990. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Richard E. Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer, Converium Reinsurance (North America) said:

These appointments recognize the contributions that these individuals have made to our organization. We believe the changes will bring new opportunities to our business segment and position us to build upon the successes we have achieved together.

Headquartered in New York City, Converium Reinsurance (North America) Inc. is a lead market for property and casualty reinsurance in North America. The Company writes traditional and non-traditional treaty and individual risk reinsurance from New York and branch offices across the United States. Converium Reinsurance (North America) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Converium Group.

Converium Group is an independent top ten reinsurance group. The Group was listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange on December 11, 2001. The IPO involved the placing of 40 million registered shares priced at CHF 82 per share or US\$ 24.59 per American Depositary Share (ADS) with investors worldwide. Converium's 100% flotation was earmarked as the largest reinsurance IPO ever worldwide and the largest corporate IPO in Switzerland since 1998.

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Today the Group ranks among the top ten professional reinsurers and employs close to 750 people in 24 offices around the globe. Converium has a strong balance sheet with an A+ (strong) rating from Standard & Poor's and A (excellent) rating by AM Best Company. Converium's September 11 net losses are capped at US\$ 289.2 million by its former parent, Zurich Financial Services. Converium has minimal A&E exposures.

Converium is organized around four business segments consisting of our three non-life operations, Converium Zurich, Converium North America and Converium Cologne, as well as Converium Life.

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