

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

of incorporation)

**001-14428**  
(Commission

File Number)

**98-014-1974**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**Renaissance House**

**12 Crow Lane, Pembroke**

**Bermuda**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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

**HM 19**

**(Zip Code)**

**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 Press Release ) 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:

| <b>Exhibit #</b> | <b>Description</b>                  |
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| 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.

Date: April 19, 2011

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Kelly

Name: Jeffrey D. Kelly

Title: EVP, Chief Financial Officer

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