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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 13, 2004

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Bermuda ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 34-0-26512 ----- (Commission File Number) | 98-014-1974 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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Renaissance House
8-12 East Broadway, 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)

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 13, 2004, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. ("RenaissanceRe"), along with Koch Financial Corporation ("Koch"), Partner Re Ltd ("Partner Re"), and MBIA Inc. ("MBIA"), announced that Channel Reinsurance Ltd., a new financial guarantee reinsurer based in Bermuda, had been formed and funded. Channel Reinsurance Ltd. has received financial strength ratings of Aaa from Moody's Investors Service and AAA from Standard and Poor's Ratings Services.

A copy of the joint press release of RenaissanceRe, Koch, PartnerRe and MBIA is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

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The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

- 99.1 Joint Press Release of RenaissanceRe, Koch, PartnerRe and MBIA, issued on February 13, 2004.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: February 13, 2004

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein
Title: Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

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