

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): September 9, 2005

**RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**34-0-26512**

(Commission File  
Number)

**98-014-1974**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Renaissance House  
8-20 East Broadway, Pembroke  
Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

HM 19

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 9, 2005, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

<u>Exhibit #</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Copy of the Company's press release, issued September 9, 2005.

**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: September 9, 2005

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein  
Title: General Counsel, Corporate  
Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer

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RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS COMMENTS ON HURRICANE KATRINA IMPACT

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005 - RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) provided today an initial assessment of the impact of Hurricane Katrina on its financial results.

Due to the extremely limited claims data, as well as potential legal and regulatory developments related to potential losses, the Company noted that it is difficult to provide an estimate of the financial impact of this event on the Company. In looking at a broad range of possible outcomes, the Company estimated that the net negative impact on its financial results from Hurricane Katrina will be approximately 1% of the aggregate insurance industry losses arising from the hurricane.

The estimates for the Company and the industry include losses arising in all sectors of insurance and reinsurance, including residential property, commercial property, marine, energy and any other affected classes and coverages, including business interruption and privately insured flood. The Company noted that its estimate is preliminary, and that an assessment of the storm's impact on the industry, and on the Company, is subject to substantial uncertainty in light of the unique features of this event.

The Company indicated that, because of the storm, it does not expect to meet its previously announced earnings guidance for 2005. However, the Company noted that it expects to be profitable for the full year of 2005, assuming no significant catastrophe loss events for the balance of the year.

James N. Stanard, the Company's Chairman and CEO, commented: "We extend our sympathies to the victims of this hurricane, and recognize its enormous human impact. As we have demonstrated in prior catastrophes, we stand ready to serve our customers in responding to the losses and promptly paying claims."

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance. Our business consists of two segments: (1) Reinsurance, which includes catastrophe reinsurance, specialty reinsurance and certain joint ventures and other investments managed by our subsidiary RenaissanceRe Ventures Ltd., and (2) Individual Risk business, which includes primary insurance and quota share reinsurance.

Cautionary Statement under "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements made in this news release contain information about the Company's future business prospects. These statements may be considered "forward-looking." These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. For further information regarding cautionary statements and factors affecting future results, please refer to RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.'s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2005.

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