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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 27, 2012**

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**RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14428**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**98-014-1974**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Renaissance House  
12 Crow Lane, 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)

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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))
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**Item 2.04. Triggering Events that Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement**

(a) On November 27, 2012, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the “Company”) announced that it had issued a notice of mandatory redemption of 6,000,000 of its issued and outstanding 6.60% Series D Preference Shares (the “Series D Shares”). The redemption is to take place on December 27, 2012. The redemption will be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series D Shares. The Depository Trust Company (DTC), the securities’ holder of record, will determine by random lottery how the partial redemption will be allocated, in accordance with DTC’s rules and procedures. The redemption price will be \$25 per Series D Share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends to December 27, 2012.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On November 27, 2012, the Company issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit #</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Copy of the Company’s press release, issued November 27, 2012

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**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: November 27, 2012

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein

Title: SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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***RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Announces Partial Redemption of 6.60% Series D Preference Shares***

**PEMBROKE, Bermuda, November 27, 2012** — RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE:RNR) announced today that it has decided to call 6,000,000 of its outstanding 6.60% Series D Preference Shares (NYSE: RNRPRD; CUSIP: G7498P 40 8) for mandatory redemption on December 27, 2012. The redemption price will be \$25 per Series D Preference Share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends to December 27, 2012.

The Depository Trust Company (DTC), the securities' holder of record, will determine by random lottery how the partial redemption will be allocated, in accordance with DTC's rules and procedures. On and after the redemption date, the Series D Preference Shares that are redeemed will no longer be deemed to be outstanding, dividends on such Series D Preference Shares will cease to accrue, and all rights of the holders of such Series D Preference Shares will cease, except for the right to receive the redemption price, without interest thereon, upon surrender of such Series D Preference Shares.

As of today there are 12,000,000 of the Series D Preference Shares outstanding, of which 6,000,000 are being called for redemption. The notice of partial redemption has been mailed to registered holders of the Series D Preference Shares today. Requests for additional copies of the notice of partial redemption and the related materials should be directed to the redemption agent, Computershare, c/o Voluntary Corporate Actions, at 250 Royall Street, Suite V, Canton, MA 02021.

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance. The Company's business consists of three segments: (1) Reinsurance, which includes catastrophe reinsurance, specialty reinsurance and certain property catastrophe and specialty joint ventures, (2) Lloyd's, which includes reinsurance and insurance business written through Syndicate 1458, and (3) Insurance, which principally includes the Company's Bermuda-based insurance operations.

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 plans. 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, 2011 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and September 30, 2012.

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