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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): January 3, 2013

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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 3, 2013, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing the formation of Upsilon Reinsurance II Ltd., a new Bermuda domiciled special purpose insurance vehicle, creating additional reinsurance capacity for the worldwide aggregate retrocessional reinsurance market. A copy of the Press Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit #	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated January 3, 2013

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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: January 4, 2013

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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99.1	Press Release, dated January 3, 2013

**RenaissanceRe Announces Formation of Upsilon Reinsurance II Ltd., Bringing Additional Reinsurance Capacity to the Retrocessional Reinsurance Market**

PEMBROKE, Bermuda—(BUSINESS WIRE) — January 3, 2013 — RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) today announced the formation of Upsilon Reinsurance II Ltd. (“Upsilon Re II”), a new Bermuda domiciled special purpose insurance vehicle, creating additional reinsurance capacity for the worldwide aggregate retrocessional reinsurance market. Investors (including RenaissanceRe) have capitalized Upsilon Re II and \$185 million of fully-collateralized reinsurance limit has been deployed. Upsilon Re II is managed by Renaissance Underwriting Managers, Ltd. Upsilon Re II may raise additional capital and provide additional fully-collateralized reinsurance capacity if market opportunities exist.

Neill A. Currie, Chief Executive Officer of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., stated: “We are pleased to announce the formation of Upsilon Re II to serve our retrocessional clients worldwide and continue our track record of providing our clients with appropriate capital. Through this endeavor, we are able to both serve our clients’ needs and design a facility that allows investors to efficiently participate in the retrocessional reinsurance market.”

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, managed by the Company’s ventures unit, (2) Lloyd’s, which includes reinsurance and insurance business written through RenaissanceRe Syndicate 1458, and (3) Insurance, which principally includes the Company’s Bermuda-based insurance operations.

Source: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

Investor:

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

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