

**RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.**  
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May 17, 2013

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Mr. Jim B. Rosenberg  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549-7010

Re: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012  
Filed February 22, 2013  
File No. 001-14428

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

On behalf of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the "Company"), we submit this letter in response to comments from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission received by letter dated May 9, 2013 (the "Comment Letter") relating to the above-referenced filing. We are working expeditiously to respond to the Comment Letter. We respectfully request an extension of time to respond to the inquiries contained in the Comment Letter. We currently anticipate submitting a response to the Comment Letter on or before June 7, 2013. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 728-8736 with any concerns you may have regarding the timetable described above. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert B. Stebbins

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