

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
November 26, 2010

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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):

November 26, 2010

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

001-32938

98-0481737

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

27 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda,

HM 08

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

441-278-5400

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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

As previously disclosed in Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd's (the "Company") press release of November 4, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors declared a contingent special dividend of \$0.25 per share related to the Company's redomestication to Switzerland, which is expected to take place before the end of the calendar year 2010. Payment of the contingent special dividend was subject to the Company receiving the requisite shareholder approval of its proposed redomestication, receiving approval by the Supreme Court of Bermuda and the satisfaction or waiver of the other closing conditions set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 2010. As of November 26, 2010, the contingencies related to the special dividend have now been satisfied or waived and the special dividend shall be paid.

The information hereunder is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), is not otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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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.

*November 26, 2010*

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd

By: */s/ Wesley D. Dupont*

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*Name: Wesley D. Dupont*

*Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary*