

PARTNERRE LTD
Form 8-K
May 16, 2005

**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): May 10, 2005

PartnerRe Ltd.

(Exact Name of Registrant
as specified in its Charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-2253

(Commission File Number)

Not Applicable

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Chesney House, 96 Pitts Bay Road,
Pembroke, Bermuda**
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

HM 08
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(441) 292-0888**

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 10, 2005, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the shareholders of PartnerRe Ltd. (the "Company") approved the adoption of the 2005 Employee Equity Plan (the "2005 Plan"). The principal features of the 2005 Plan were previously disclosed in the Company's proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 4, 2005. A copy of the 2005 Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.1. The forms of the Company's Executive Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement, Annual Incentive Deferral Executive Restricted Shares Unit Award Agreement, Executive Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement Company Match on AI Deferral and Executive Stock Option Agreement under the 2005 Plan are attached as Exhibits 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5, respectively.

Also on May 10, 2005, at a meeting of the Nominating & Governance Committee of the Board, the Board of Directors Compensation Program was approved and adopted. A copy of the Board of Directors Compensation Program is attached as Exhibit 10.6. All equity-based compensation for the non-employee directors is made pursuant to the 2003 Non-Employee Director's Plan, as approved by the Company's shareholders at the May 2003 annual general meeting.

In addition, on May 10, 2005, at a meeting of the Compensation Committee of the Board, a proposal with respect to the provision of additional executive health benefits was approved. The Company recognized that its executive officers are valuable assets of the Company and that good health keeps each of them active and productive. The Company wants all executive officers to have access to the best preventative health care available and therefore approved bi-annual physical examinations at the expense of the Company. Each examination would be available to all executive officers over the age of 45.

Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Agreement.

On May 10, 2005, following the approval of the 2005 Plan, at a meeting of the Board of Directors the Company terminated the Employee Incentive Plan (the "Employee Incentive Plan"). This Employee Incentive Plan was no longer required as it had been superceded by the 2005 Plan. The Employee Incentive Plan had been in existence since 1996 and was due to expire under its own terms in February 2006. As previously disclosed, the 1,131,351 shares remaining available for grant under the Employee Incentive Plan were added to the shares approved by shareholders for issuance under the 2005 Plan, resulting in a total of 2,131,351 shares available for issue.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 10, 2005, at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the following committee charters were amended and adopted to replace the committee charters that existed prior to the meeting: Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, the Nominating & Governance Committee and the Human Resources Committee. In addition, the Board approved and adopted revised Corporate Governance Principles and Application Guidelines (the "Governance Principles") in place of the governance principles that existed prior to the meeting. A copy of each of the revised Charters and the Governance Principles is attached as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, 99.4 and 99.5, respectively.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

The following Exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit No. Description

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- 10.1 2005 Employee Equity Plan
 - 10.2 Form of Executive Restricted Shares Unit Award Agreement
 - 10.3 Form of Annual Incentive Deferral Executive Restricted Shares Unit Award Agreement
 - 10.4 Form of Executive Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement Company Match on AI Deferral
 - 10.5 Form of Executive Stock Option Agreement
 - 10.6 Board of Directors Compensation Program
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- 99.1 Audit Committee Charter
 - 99.2 Compensation Committee Charter
 - 99.3 Nominating & Governance Committee Charter
 - 99.4 Human Resources Committee Charter
 - 99.5 Corporate Governance Principles and Application Guidelines
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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.

PartnerRe Ltd.
(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2005

By: /s/ Amanda Sodergren

Name: Amanda Sodergren
Title: Director of Group Legal
