

CNA FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 02, 2010

**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) **December 1, 2010**
CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5823

36-6169860

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

333 S. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois

60604

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 1, 2010, the registrant entered into a 2008 Senior Preferred Stock Redemption Agreement (Redemption Agreement) with Loews Corporation, the owner of approximately 90% of the registrant s common stock. Pursuant to the Redemption Agreement, on December 1, 2010, the registrant redeemed the remaining \$500 million, plus accrued and unpaid dividends thereon, of its 2008 Senior Preferred Stock, all of which was held by Loews Corporation. The registrant funded the redemption with cash received from the partial repayment by Continental Casualty Company, the registrant s principal insurance subsidiary, of \$500 million of an outstanding \$1.0 billion surplus note issued to the registrant in 2008.

The foregoing description of the Redemption Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete terms and conditions of the Redemption Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits:
See Exhibit Index.

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.

CNA Financial Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: December 1, 2010

By

/s/ D. Craig Mense

(Signature)

D. Craig Mense
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description of Document
10.1	2008 Senior Preferred Stock Redemption Agreement, dated December 1, 2010, by and between CNA Financial Corporation and Loews Corporation.