RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K October 31, 2018

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): October 30, 2018

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction 001-14428 (Commission 98-014-1974 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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Renaissance House

12 Crow Lane, Pembroke

BermudaHM 19(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-4513

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)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 30, 2018, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (RenaissanceRe or the Company) issued a press release announcing its entry into a Stock Purchase Agreement by and among RenaissanceRe, Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. and Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc., solely with respect to Section 5.14 and Article XI (the TMR Stock Purchase Agreement), pursuant to which RenaissanceRe has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions therein, to cause its wholly owned subsidiary RenaissanceRe Specialty Holdings (UK) Limited to purchase all of the share capital of Tokio Millennium Re AG and Tokio Millennium Re (UK) Limited, together with their respective subsidiaries (the TMR Stock Purchase). The TMR Stock Purchase is expected to close in the first half of 2019, subject to the closing conditions set forth in the TMR Stock Purchase Agreement. The press release also announces the entry into an Investment Agreement by and between RenaissanceRe and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (State Farm), pursuant to which State Farm has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions therein, to purchase 1,947,496 Common Shares of RenaissanceRe in exchange for \$250 million in a private placement (the State Farm Stock Purchase). The State Farm Stock Purchase is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2018, subject to the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

On and after October 31, 2018, representatives of RenaissanceRe will present to various investors the information relating to the TMR Stock Purchase and the State Farm Stock Purchase described in the slides attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2, which are incorporated by reference herein.

The information in Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K, Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

Any forward-looking statements made in this Form 8-K reflect RenaissanceRe s current views with respect to future events and financial performance and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are subject to numerous factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements, including the following: the failure to obtain regulatory approvals or satisfy other conditions to completion of the proposed TMR Stock Purchase; risks that the TMR Stock Purchase disrupts current plans and operations; the ability to recognize the benefits of the TMR Stock Purchase; the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the TMR Stock Purchase; the frequency and severity of catastrophic and other events that the Company covers; the effectiveness of the Company s claims and claim expense reserving process; the Company s ability to maintain its financial strength ratings; the effect of climate change on the Company s business; collection on claimed retrocessional coverage, and new retrocessional reinsurance being available on acceptable terms and providing the coverage that we intended to obtain; the effects of U.S. tax reform legislation and possible future tax reform legislation and regulations, including changes to the tax treatment of the Company s shareholders or investors in the Company s joint ventures or other entities the Company manages; the effect of emerging claims and coverage issues; continued soft reinsurance underwriting market conditions; the Company s reliance on a small and decreasing number of reinsurance brokers and other distribution services for the preponderance of its revenue; the Company s exposure to credit loss from counterparties in the normal course of business; the effect of continued challenging economic conditions throughout the world; a contention by the Internal Revenue Service that Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd., or any of the Company s other Bermuda subsidiaries, is subject to taxation in the U.S.; the success of any of the Company s strategic investments or acquisitions, including the Company s ability to manage its operations as its product and geographical diversity increases; the Company s ability to retain key senior officers and to attract or retain the executives and employees necessary to manage its business; the performance of the Company s investment portfolio; losses that the Company could face from terrorism, political unrest or war; the effect of cybersecurity risks, including technology breaches or failure on the Company s business;

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the Company's ability to successfully implement its business strategies and initiatives; the Company's ability to determine the impairments taken on investments; the effect of inflation; the ability of the Company's ceding companies and delegated authority counterparties to accurately assess the risks they underwrite; the effect of operational risks, including system or human failures; the Company's ability to effectively manage capital on behalf of investors in joint ventures or other entities it manages; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; the Company's ability to raise capital if necessary; the Company's ability to comply with covenants in its debt agreements; changes to the regulatory systems under which the Company operates, including as a result of increased global regulation of the insurance and reinsurance industry; changes in Bermuda laws and regulations and the political environment in Bermuda; the Company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; aspects of the Company's company's company's company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; aspects of the Company's company's company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; aspects of the Company's company's company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; aspects of the Company's company's company's discourage third-party takeovers or other transactions;

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the cyclical nature of the reinsurance and insurance industries; adverse legislative developments that reduce the size of the private markets the Company serves or impede their future growth; consolidation of competitors, customers and insurance and reinsurance brokers; the effect on the Company s business of the highly competitive nature of its industry, including the effect of new entrants to, competing products for and consolidation in the (re)insurance industry; other political, regulatory or industry initiatives adversely impacting the Company; increasing barriers to free trade and the free flow of capital; international restrictions on the writing of reinsurance by foreign companies and government intervention in the natural catastrophe market; the effect of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development or European Union (EU) measures to increase the Company s taxes and reporting requirements; the effect of the vote by the U.K. to leave the EU; changes in regulatory regimes and accounting rules that may impact financial results irrespective of business operations; the Company s need to make many estimates and judgments in the preparation of its financial statements; and other factors affecting future results disclosed in RenaissanceRe s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Copy of Press Release issued by RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., dated October 30, 2018
99.2	Investor Presentation Slides

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

Date: October 30, 2018

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein

Title: Senior Vice President, Group General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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