

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
November 10, 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 9, 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)
- 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))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 9, 2010, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it priced a registered offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 5.50% Senior Notes due 2020. The net proceeds from the offering will be used for general corporate purposes, including the repurchase of the Company s outstanding common shares, dividends to its shareholders or potential acquisitions. The press release announcing the pricing of the offering is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1                      | Press release, dated November 9, 2010. |

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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.

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd

*November 9, 2010*

*By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont*

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*Name: Wesley D. Dupont*

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

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