Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG
Form 8-K
August 22, 2011

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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): August 22, 2011

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, AG
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Switzerland	**001-32938**	**98-0681223**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Lindenstrasse 8
6340 Baar
Zug, Switzerland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 41-41-768-1080

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 22, 2011, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG issued a press release announcing that it has set September 20, 2011 as the date for the extraordinary general meeting of its shareholders to consider and vote on proposals related to the previously announced agreement and plan of merger with Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release, dated August 22, 2011.

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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, AG

Dated: August 22, 2011

By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont
Name: Wesley D. Dupont
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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