

TRANSATLANTIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 425

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**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-32938**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-0681223**  
(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**

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)
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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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