

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD
Form 8-K
December 14, 2004

**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**

December 14, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Arch Capital Group Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

0-26456
(Commission File Number)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Wessex House, 45 Reid Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(441) 278-9250

N/A

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(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - o 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 December 14, 2004, Arch Capital Group Ltd. (ACGL) and its subsidiary, Arch Capital Holdings Ltd. (ACHL), completed the sale of its non-standard automobile insurance operations to Protective Underwriting Services, Inc. (Purchaser) for a cash purchase price which approximates carrying value. While the sale will not result in a material realized gain or loss for ACGL, the transaction will have the effect of monetizing approximately \$13.6 million of goodwill. During specified periods following the closing, a subsidiary of ACGL will provide substantial reinsurance support to the subsidiaries transferred in the sale.

The above description is qualified in its entirety by the terms and provisions of the sale agreement and related amendments, which are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. **Exhibits.**

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 10.1 | Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2004, by and among Protective Underwriting Services, Inc. (Purchaser), Arch Capital Holdings Ltd. (ACHL) and Arch Capital Group Ltd. (ACGL), as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated as of July 9, 2004, Amendment No. 2, dated as of July 13, 2004, Amendment No. 3, dated as of July 16, 2004 and Amendment No. 4, dated as of July 28, 2004* |
| 10.2 | Waiver Letter Agreement, dated as of October 5, 2004, signed by ACGL, ACHL and Purchaser** |

* Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004 and filed on August 9, 2004.

** Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and filed on October 8, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

Date: December 14, 2004

By: /s/ John D. Vollaro
Name: John D. Vollaro
Title: Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer

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