

Darwin Professional Underwriters Inc  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2008

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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):

October 15, 2008

Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-32883

03-0510450

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

9 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Connecticut

06032

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

860-284-1300

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)
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- 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.**

As previously disclosed, on June 27, 2008, Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd ("Allied World"), a Bermuda company, and Allied World Merger Company, a Delaware corporation and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Allied World. On October 15, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that its stockholders adopted the Merger Agreement.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated as of October 15, 2008.

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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.

Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc.

*October 15, 2008*

*By: /s/ Timothy J. Curry*

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*Name: Timothy J. Curry*

*Title: VP & Asst. General Counsel*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release, dated as of October 15, 2008.