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Form 8-K March 16, 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

MARCH 15, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA 1-8993 94-2708455 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission file incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

80 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03755 (Address of principal executive offices)

(603) 640-2200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On March 15, 2004, White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. ("White Mountains") announced that it and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. ("Berkshire Hathaway") are leading an investor group that will acquire the life and investments business of Safeco Corporation ("Safeco Life and Investments") for \$1.35 billion, subject to adjustment based on June 30, 2004 adjusted statutory book value.

White Mountains expects the transaction to close during the third quarter of 2004. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. Upon completion of the acquisition, White Mountains expects that it will file pro forma and historical financial statement information relating to White Mountains and Safeco Life and Investments under a separate filing pursuant to Item 2 of Form 8-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith, except for exhibit 99.1, which is furnished herewith:

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

10 Stock Purchase Agreement by and among Safeco Corporation, General America Corporation, White Mountains Insurance Group,

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Ltd. and Occum Acquisition Corp. dated as of March 15, 2004

99.1 Press Release of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. dated March 15, 2004.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

WHITE MOUNTAINS INSURANCE GROUP, LTD.
----(Registrant)

DATED: March 15, 2004 BY: /s/ J. Brian Palmer

J. BRIAN PALMER Chief Accounting Officer