

Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG
Form 8-K
March 07, 2011

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):

March 7, 2011

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland

001-32938

98-0681223

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

Lindenstrasse 8, Baar/Zug,

6340

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

+41-41-768-1080

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 7, 2011, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG issued a press release announcing its initial loss estimates for the February 22, 2011 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information hereunder is not deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), is not otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated March 7, 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

March 7, 2011

By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont

Name: Wesley D. Dupont

*Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary*

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