

EVEREST RE GROUP LTD  
Form 8-K  
September 22, 2009  
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)

September 16, 2009

## Everest Re Group, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-15731

(Commission  
File Number)

98-0365432

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Wessex House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

45 Reid Street

PO Box HM 845

Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

Not Applicable

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code 441-295-0006

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On September 16, 2009, the Board of Directors of the registrant awarded a \$2.5 million cash bonus to the registrant's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Joseph V. Taranto, in consideration for the previously announced extension of the term of his employment with the registrant to December 31, 2010.

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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.

EVEREST RE GROUP, LTD.

By: /S/ DOMINIC J. ADDESSO

Dominic J. Addesso  
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 22, 2009