EVEREST RE GROUP LTD Form 8-K August 03, 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)

August 3, 2009

# Everest Re Group, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda 1-15731 98-0365432

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

Wessex House – 2d Floor

45 Reid Street

PO Box HM 845

Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda Not Applicable

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

| Not Applicable   |
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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): |
| o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  |
| o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)   |
| o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))   |
| o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))   |

#### Item 2.02 DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 3, 2009, the registrant issued a news release announcing its second quarter 2009 results. A copy of that news release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The news release furnished herewith contains information regarding the registrant's operating income. Operating income differs from net income, the most directly comparable generally accepted accounting principle financial measure, only by the exclusion of realized capital gains and losses on investments and gains on debt repurchase. Management believes that presentation of operating income provides useful information to investors because it more accurately measures and predicts the registrant's results of operations by removing the variability arising from the management of the registrant's investment portfolio. In addition, management, analysts and investors use operating income to evaluate the financial performance of the registrant and the insurance industry in general.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report, including exhibits, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

| Item 9.01          | FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBIT | $\mathbf{s}$                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (c)                | <u>Exhibits</u>                  |                                 |
|                    | Exhibit No.                      | <u>Description</u>              |
| dated August 3, 20 | 99.1<br>009                      | News Release of the registrant, |

#### **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: August 3, 2009

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| 99.1   | News Release of the registrant, dated August 3, 2009 | 5        |