Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Form 8-K July 30, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): May 14, 2008

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction

1-15259 (Commission File Number) 98-0214719 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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PXRE House

110 Pitts Bay Road

P.O. Box HM 1282

Pembroke HM 08

Hamilton HM FX

Bermuda
(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-5858

Not Applicable

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

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Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On May 14, 2008, Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (Argo Group) announced that all conditions to its previously announced acquisition of Heritage Underwriting Agency plc (Heritage) had been satisfied or waived, and that Argo Group s offer had become wholly unconditional and the transaction effectively completed. Under the terms of the acquisition, Argo Group agreed to pay 154 pence in cash per share on an ex-dividend basis to each Heritage shareholder of record on March 28, 2008. This price valued the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Heritage at approximately £136 million (on an ex-dividend basis) and approximately £141 million (on a cum dividend basis), assuming the exercise of all outstanding options and the Heritage warrants. A copy of the May 14, 2008 press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired

The financial information required by this item is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

The pro forma financial information required by this item is filed as Exhibit 99.3 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

- (d) Exhibits
- 23.1 Consent of Littlejohn, chartered accountants and registered auditors for Heritage Underwriting Agency plc
- 99.1 Press Release issued by Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. dated May 14, 2008
- 99.2 Heritage Underwriting Agency plc Financial Information
- 99.3 Unaudited Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Preliminary Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information

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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: July 30, 2008

 $ARGO\ GROUP\ INTERNATIONAL\ HOLDINGS,\ LTD.$

By: /s/ Jay S. Bullock Name: Jay S. Bullock

Title: Chief Financial Officer