

ASPEN INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD

Form 8-K

December 06, 2006

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): December 1, 2006

ASPEN INSURANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-31909  
(Commission  
File Number)

Not Applicable  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Maxwell Roberts Building

1 Church Street

Hamilton HM 11

Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-8201

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 1, 2006, Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited, a Bermudian holding company (the "Company") entered into an agreement with two of its founding shareholders, The Blackstone Group and CSFB Private Equity and their respective affiliates, to repurchase a total of 5,899,770 ordinary shares at a price per share of \$26.50 which represented a discount of 1.67% to the closing price of the Company's shares on November 30, 2006 of \$26.95. The total purchase price is \$156,343,905. The purchase price will be funded with the proceeds of the sale of the Company's 7.401% perpetual non-cumulative preference shares, which closed on November 15, 2006. The ordinary shares will be retired once purchased. The Company expects to close the transaction on December 6, 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

- 10.1 Share Purchase Agreement dated December 1, 2006, among the Company, MBP III Plan Investors, L.P., Millennium Partners II, L.P., DLJ MB Partners III GmbH & Co. KG, DLJ Offshore Partners III-2, C.V., DLJ Offshore Partners III-1, C.V., DLJ Offshore Partners III C.V. and DLJMB Overseas Partners III, C.V.
- 10.2 Share Purchase Agreement dated December 1, 2006, among the Company, BCP Excalibur Holdco (Cayman) Limited, BFIP Excalibur Holdco (Cayman) Limited, BGE Excalibur Holdco (Cayman) Limited and BOCP Excalibur Holdco (Cayman) Limited.

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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.

ASPEN INSURANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED  
(Registrant)

Dated: December 6, 2006

By: /s/ Julian Cusack  
Name: Julian Cusack  
Title: Chief Financial Officer