

HARBINGER GROUP INC.  
Form SC 13D/A  
May 23, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13d-2(a)  
(Amendment No. 8)

HARBINGER GROUP INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK (PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE)  
(Title of Class of Securities)

41146A106  
(CUSIP Number)

PHILIP FALCONE  
450 PARK AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022  
(212) 339-5888  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of  
Person Authorized to Receive Notices  
and Communications)

May 19, 2011  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing  
of This Statement)

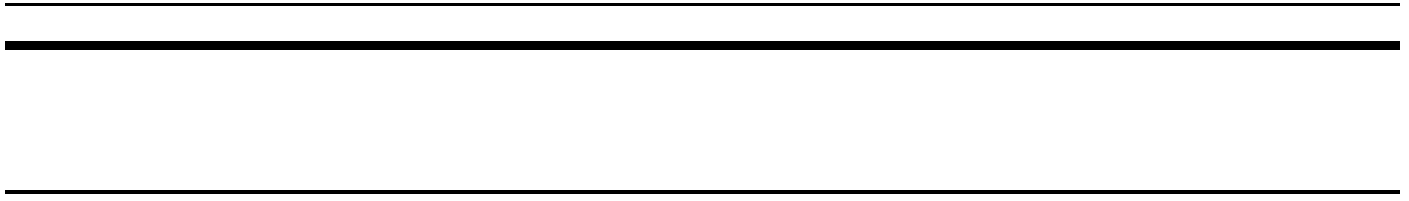
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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but

shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).



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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

95,932,068

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

95,932,068

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

95,932,068

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

68.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Harbinger Capital Partners LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

95,932,068

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P.

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

21,493,161

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

21,493,161

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

21,493,161

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

21,493,161

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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15.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd.

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Cayman Islands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

12,434,660

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,434,660

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12,434,660

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Harbinger Capital Partners II LP

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

12,434,660

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,434,660

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12,434,660

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Harbinger Capital Partners II GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

12,434,660

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,434,660

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.9%

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Harbinger Holdings, LLC

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(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

117,425,229

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

117,425,229

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

117,425,229

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

84.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Philip Falcone

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY EACH 129,859,889

REPORTING PERSON 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

129,859,889

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

129,859,889

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

93.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 8 to Schedule 13D (“Amendment No. 8”) is being filed by the undersigned to amend the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons on June 19, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1, filed on July 13, 2009, Amendment No. 2, filed on November 4, 2009, Amendment No. 3, filed on August 17, 2010, Amendment No. 4, filed on September 15, 2010, Amendment No. 5, filed on January 12, 2011, Amendment No. 6, filed on March 10, 2011 and Amendment No. 7, filed on May 16, 2011 (as amended, the “Schedule 13D”), with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Shares”), of Harbinger Group Inc. (the “Issuer”), whose principal executive offices are located at 450 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

No material change.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

No material change.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding the following to the end thereof:

“On May 19, 2011, a special committee (the “Special Committee”) of the board of directors (the “Board”) of the Issuer, comprised of independent directors under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, unanimously determined that it is (i) in the best interests of the Issuer and its stockholders (other than HCP (as defined below) and its affiliates) for Front Street Re Ltd., the Issuer’s indirectly wholly-owned Bermuda-based reinsurer (“Front Street”), and Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company (formerly, OM Financial Life Insurance Company), one of the Issuer’s indirectly wholly-owned insurance companies (“FGL”), to enter into a reinsurance agreement (the “Reinsurance Agreement”), pursuant to which Front Street would reinsure up to \$3 billion of insurance obligations under annuity contracts of FGL and (ii) in the best interests of the Issuer and its stockholders for Front Street and Harbinger Capital Partners II LP (“HCP”), one of the Reporting Persons, to enter into an investment management agreement (the “Investment Management Agreement”), pursuant to which HCP would be appointed as the investment manager of up to \$1 billion of assets securing Front Street’s reinsurance obligations under the Reinsurance Agreement, which assets will be deposited in a reinsurance trust account for the benefit of FGL pursuant to a trust agreement (the “Trust Agreement”). On May 19, 2011, the Board approved the Reinsurance Agreement, the Investment Management Agreement, the Trust Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby. The Special Committee’s consideration of the Reinsurance Agreement, the Trust Agreement, and the Investment Management Agreement was contemplated by the terms of the Transfer Agreement. In considering the foregoing matters, the Special Committee was advised by independent counsel and received a fairness opinion from Gleacher & Company Securities, Inc.

The Reinsurance Agreement, the Trust Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby are subject to, and may not be entered into or consummated without, the approval of the Maryland Insurance Administration.”



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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

No material change.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

No material change.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A:

Joint Filing Agreement



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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND  
I, LTD.

By: Harbinger Capital Partners  
LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC,  
Manager

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Manager

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL  
SITUATIONS FUND, L.P.

By: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP,  
LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Managing Member

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL  
SITUATIONS GP, LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Managing Member

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

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GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES BREAKAWAY LTD.

By: Harbinger Capital Partners II  
LP

By: Harbinger Capital Partners II  
GP LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS II LP

By: Harbinger Capital Partners II GP LLC, General  
Partner

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS II GP LLC

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Philip Falcone  
Philip Falcone

May 23, 2011

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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Exhibit A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13D with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share of Harbinger Group Inc., dated as of May 23, 2011 is, and any amendments thereto signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND  
I, LTD.

By: Harbinger Capital Partners  
LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC,  
Manager

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Manager

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL  
SITUATIONS FUND, L.P.

By: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP,  
LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Managing Member

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL  
SITUATIONS GP, LLC

By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Managing Member

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

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By: Harbinger Capital Partners II  
LP

By: Harbinger Capital Partners II  
GP LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS II LP

By: Harbinger Capital Partners II GP LLC, General  
Partner

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS II GP LLC

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

HARBINGER HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ Philip Falcone  
Name: Philip Falcone  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Philip Falcone  
Philip Falcone

May 23, 2011

