Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Form 8-K August 23, 2007

## **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): August 17, 2007

# 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.)

**PXRE House** 

110 Pitts Bay Road

P.O. Box HM 1282

Pembroke HM 08

**Hamilton HM FX** 

Bermuda (Address, Including Zip Code,

Bermuda (Mailing Address)

of Principal Executive Offices)

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

Not Applicable

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

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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 August 17, 2007, Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (the Company) entered into a Letter Agreement (the Agreement) setting forth certain compensatory arrangements for Barbara Bufkin, the Company's Senior Vice President, Business Development.

The following description of the terms of the Agreement briefly summarizes the material terms and conditions and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Ms. Bufkin will receive an annual base salary of \$350,000 effective as of June 25, 2007. In addition to her base salary, any incentive and equity bonuses and any other benefits available to Ms. Bufkin as described in the Agreement, Ms. Bufkin shall also receive (i) a \$14,000 per month housing allowance, (ii) a one-time relocation bonus of \$107,650, (iii) reimbursement for moving expenses to Bermuda of up to \$50,000, along with a one-time payment of \$15,000, (iv) a car allowance of \$20,000 for use in Bermuda and (v) a home leave allowance of \$10,000 per year; provided that the net after tax amounts provided in (i), (ii) and (iii) shall be repaid by Ms. Bufkin within 5 business days of her resignation if she resigns from the employ of the Company or its affiliates prior to March 16, 2009.

## **Item 9.01.** Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits

10.1 Letter Agreement, dated August 17, 2007, between Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. and Barbara Bufkin

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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: August 23, 2007

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ Robert P. Myron Name: Robert P. Myron

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer