

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD  
Form 8-K  
October 29, 2004

**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**

**October 28, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**Arch Capital Group Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

**0-26456**  
(Commission File Number)

**N/A**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Wessex House, 45 Reid Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(441) 278-9250**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02**      **Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 28, 2004, Arch Capital Group Ltd. issued a press release reporting its earnings for the three-month period ended September 30, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information set forth in Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing

**ITEM 9.01**      **Exhibits.**

<b>EXHIBIT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press Release dated October 28, 2004 announcing the earnings of Arch Capital Group Ltd. for the three-month period ended September 30, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

Date: October 28, 2004

By: /s/ John D. Vollaro  
Name: John D. Vollaro  
  
Title: Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

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