

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2012

**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**

**February 29, 2012**

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**

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N/A

(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 8.01**      **Other Events.**

**Preferred Share Dividends.** On February 29, 2012, the Board declared dividends with respect to the outstanding (1) 8,000,000 shares of its 8.00% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series A, \$0.01 per share (the Series A Shares ), with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, and (2) 5,000,000 shares of its 7.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series B, \$0.01 per share (the Series B Shares ), with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, as outlined below. All such dividends will be payable out of lawfully available funds for the payment of dividends under Bermuda law on May 15, 2012 to holders of record of the Series A Shares and the Series B Shares, as applicable, as of May 1, 2012, unless determined otherwise by the Board or the Executive Committee of the Board on or prior to the applicable effective date.

Series	Effective Date for Declaration	Dividend Period	Dividend Amount		Rate Per Share
Series A	3/31/12	2/15/12-3/31/12	\$	2,044,444	\$ 0.2556
	5/14/12	4/1/12-5/14/12		1,955,556	0.2444
			\$	4,000,000	\$ 0.5000
Series B	3/31/12	2/15/12-3/31/12	\$	1,257,813	\$ 0.2516
	5/14/12	4/1/12-5/14/12		1,203,125	0.2406
			\$	2,460,938	\$ 0.4922

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: March 1, 2012

By: */s/ W. Preston Hutchings*  
Name: W. Preston Hutchings  
Title: Senior Vice President & Chief Investment Officer