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Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) November 24, 2015

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-33143 (Commission File Number) | 04-3106389 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 59 Maiden Lane, 43 rd Floor, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices) | 10038 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 220-7120

(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 240.133-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 24, 2015, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (as Guarantor), and four of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, AmTrust International Insurance, Ltd. (as Account Party), AmTrust Corporate Capital Limited, AmTrust Corporate Member Limited and AmTrust Corporate Member Two Limited (as Corporate Members and collectively with the Guarantor and the Account Party, the “Company”) entered into an Amending and Restating Agreement relating to its £235 million credit facility agreement with ING Bank, N.V., London Branch and The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch. The amended and restated credit facility increases the maximum amount of the letter of credit facility to £300 million to be used to support the Company’s capacity at Lloyd’s as a member and/or reinsurer of Syndicates 2526, 1206 and 44 for the 2015 underwriting year of account, as well as prior open years of account.

The amended and restated credit facility contains customary covenants for facilities of this type, including restrictions on indebtedness and liens, limitations on mergers, transactions with affiliates and the sale of assets, and requirements to maintain certain consolidated net worth, statutory surplus, leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios. The amended and restated credit facility also provides for customary events of default, including, without limitation, failure to pay principal, interest or fees when due, failure to comply with certain covenants, any representation or warranty made by the Company being false or misleading in any material respect, default under certain other indebtedness, certain insolvency or receivership events affecting the Company and its subsidiaries, the occurrence of certain material judgments, or a change in control of the Account Party or the Corporate Member. Upon an event of default, the lender may immediately terminate its obligations to issue letters of credit, declare the Company’s obligations under the amended and restated credit facility to become immediately due and payable, and require the Company to deposit collateral with a value equal to 100% of the aggregate face amount of any outstanding letters of credit consisting of cash or other specified collateral including time deposits, certificates of deposit, money market deposits and U.S. government securities subject to varying advance rates.

The ability to have letters of credit issued under this amended and restated facility expires on July 31, 2016 and the maturity date for the facility is July 31, 2020. The facility is 35% secured by a pledge of a collateral account established in the United States pursuant to a pledge and security agreement and in the United Kingdom pursuant to a Deed of Charge dated as of November 26, 2013. In addition to upon an event of default as discussed above, the collateral account will be required to be 100% funded upon the occurrence of certain specified events, including the A.M. Best financial strength rating of the Account Party falling below A-, the forecast underwriting losses exceeding a certain level for any year supported by a letter of credit, or any non-extension notice is given with respect to any letter of credit.

Fees payable by the Company under the amended and restated credit facility include a letter of credit issuance fee, payable quarterly in arrears, on the secured portion of the letters of credit at the rate of 0.50% and on the unsecured portion of the letters of credit determined based on the Account Party’s then-current financial strength rating issued by A.M. Best. As of November 24, 2015, the applicable letter of credit fee rate on the unsecured portion was 1.15% based on the Account Party’s A.M. Best financial strength rating of “A”. The Company also pays a commitment fee of 0.35% per year on the aggregate unutilized and uncanceled amount of the facility, and a facility fee upon closing of 0.15% of the total aggregate commitment.

The foregoing description of the amended and restated credit facility is qualified by reference to the full text of the amended and restated credit facility, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information required by this Item 2.03 is set forth under Item 1.01 above and is hereby incorporated by reference in response to this Item.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.1 | Amending and Restating Agreement related to the £300,000,000 Facility Agreement, dated November 24, 2015, among AmTrust Corporate Capital Limited, AmTrust Corporate Member Limited and AmTrust Corporate Member Two Limited, AmTrust International Insurance, Ltd., AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., ING Bank N.V., London Branch, and The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch. |

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.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date November 25, 2015

/s/ Stephen Ungar
Stephen Ungar
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary