

Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 20, 2012

**ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS,  
AG**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Switzerland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

001-32938  
(Commission)

98-0681223  
(I.R.S. Employer)

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(Country of Incorporation)

(File Number)  
Lindenstrasse 8

(Identification No.)

6340 Baar

Zug, Switzerland

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 41-41-768-1080

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 20, 2012, Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG issued a press release announcing the catastrophe-related losses and loss expenses that it expects to record in the fourth quarter of 2012 in connection with Superstorm Sandy.

The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information hereunder is not deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), is not otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference into 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. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

**Exhibit**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                      |
|---------------|---|
| 99.1          | Press release, dated December 20, 2012. |

**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.

**ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, AG**

Dated: December 20, 2012

By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont  
Name: Wesley D. Dupont  
Title: Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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