

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
Form 8-K
May 24, 2006

**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**

May 24, 2006 (February 23, 2006)

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

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(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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bye-laws.

On May 17, 2006, Arch Capital Group Ltd. (the **Company**) consummated its previously disclosed public offering of 5,000,000 of its 7.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series B, \$0.01 par value per share, with a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (the **Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares**). In connection with such transaction, the Company adopted a Certificate of Designation (the **Certificate of Designation**) with respect to the Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, which Certificate of Designation was appended to the byelaws of the Company in accordance with Bermuda law.

For a description of the Certificate of Designation governing the Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, reference is made to the information set forth under the heading "Description of the Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares" in the Company's Prospectus Supplement, dated May 17, 2006, to the Prospectus, dated August 25, 2004, which constitutes a part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-117099), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

A committee of the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of the Company declared dividends with respect to the Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares for the partial dividend period from May 24, 2006 through June 30, 2006, in an aggregate amount of \$1,039,062, to be payable out of lawfully available funds for the payment of dividends under Bermuda law on August 15, 2006 to holders of record as of August 1, 2006.

In addition, effective August 14, 2006, the Board declared additional dividends with respect to the outstanding Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares for the partial dividend period from July 1, 2006 through August 14, 2006, in an aggregate amount of \$1,230,469, to be payable out of lawfully available funds for the payment of dividends under Bermuda law on August 15, 2006 to holders of record as of August 1, 2006, unless determined otherwise by the Board or the Executive Committee of the Board on or prior to the effective date.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Certificate of Designation of Series B Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, as appended to the bye-laws of the Company in accordance with Bermuda Law.
99.2	Form of Certificate of 7.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series B, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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: May 24, 2006

By: /s/ John D. Vollaro

Name:

John D. Vollaro

Title:

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

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