

TORCHMARK CORP
Form 8-K
October 10, 2008

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) October 10, 2008

TORCHMARK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-08052
(Commission File No.)

63-0780404
(I.R.S. Employer
ID No.)

3700 South Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas 75070

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(972) 569-4000**

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None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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)
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- 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))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 10, 2008, Torchmark Corporation issued a press release pre-announcing its third quarter 2008 financial results and disclosing the level of other than temporary impairment for its holdings in AIG, Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual and Fannie Mae. A copy of the press release is incorporated herein by reference and is provided as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information included or incorporated in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired.
Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.
Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions.
Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.
(99.1) Torchmark Corporation Press Release dated October 10, 2008.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 10, 2008

TORCHMARK CORPORATION

/s/ Carol A. McCoy
Carol A. McCoy,
Vice President, Associate Counsel and Secretary