

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
March 09, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): March 9, 2012**

**ALLEGHANY CORPORATION**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-9371**  
(Commission

File Number)

**7 Times Square Tower, New York, New York 10036**

**51-0283071**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 752-1356

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 9, 2012, Alleghany Corporation ( Alleghany ) issued a press release announcing the final results of elections made by stockholders of Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. ( Transatlantic ) for the form of consideration to be received in connection with the merger of Transatlantic with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of Alleghany, which merger became effective on March 6, 2012. The press release also announced the results of applying the proration formula (as cash consideration was undersubscribed) prescribed by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 20, 2011, by and among Alleghany, Shoreline Merger Sub, Inc. (formerly Shoreline Merger Sub, LLC) and Transatlantic. A copy of the press release dated March 9, 2012 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Document Designation
99.1	Press Release, dated March 9, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: March 9, 2012

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Christopher K. Dalrymple  
Name: Christopher K. Dalrymple  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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