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): January 4, 2010

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Missouri (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **1-11848** (Commission File Number)

43-1627032 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (636) 736-7000

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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 January 4, 2010, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company has finalized the acquisition of the U.S. and Canadian group life, accident and health reinsurance business from ReliaStar Life Insurance Company ("ReliaStar"). ReliaStar's reinsurance business operated under the name ING Reinsurance. ReliaStar is a subsidiary of ING Groep N.V. The acquisition was effective January 1, 2010.

The press release is attached as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits. The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report:
- 99.1 Press Release dated January 4, 2010

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.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Date: January 5, 2010 By: /s/ Jack B. Lay

Jack B. Lay

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 4, 2010



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For further information, contact Jack B. Lay Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (636) 736-7000

RGA FINALIZES ACQUISITION OF U.S. AND CANADIAN GROUP LIFE, ACCIDENT AND HEALTH REINSURANCE BUSINESS FROM ING GROUP

ST. LOUIS, January 4, 2010 — Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated (NYSE:RGA) today announced it has finalized the acquisition of the U.S. and Canadian group life, accident and health reinsurance business from ReliaStar Life Insurance Company. ReliaStar's reinsurance business operated under the name ING Reinsurance. ReliaStar is a subsidiary of ING Groep N.V. The acquisition was effective January 1.

A. Greig Woodring, president and chief executive officer of RGA, said, "We are excited to have ING Reinsurance's highly regarded group reinsurance team become a part of our organization. Our businesses already are aligned in a number of ways. We are both industry leaders with a strong focus on client satisfaction, and we both have long-tenured, experienced associates. Drawing on our collective knowledge, we can build and strengthen RGA's group reinsurance business in North America and around the world."

The ING Reinsurance team, which consists of approximately 90 associates, will remain in Minneapolis. The team will continue to underwrite group life, disability, specialty and medical and managed care reinsurance, as well as provide value-added services such as the ROSE® and ROSEBUD® claims management services, client-directed market research, facultative underwriting and risk reviews.

"We are excited to join a company where our reinsurance services will be considered part of the core business operations," said Mike Emerson, president of ING Reinsurance. "Becoming part of one of the largest reinsurance companies in the world will be a significant benefit to our clients and associates. We expect this to be a smooth transition."

RGA has more than \$2.2 trillion of life reinsurance in force and assets of more than \$24 billion. The RGA Minneapolis office is RGA's 26th office worldwide.

About RGA

RGA, through its various operating subsidiaries, is among the largest global providers of life reinsurance. RGA has subsidiary companies or offices in Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, the Netherlands, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States. More information about RGA is available at www.rgare.com.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, statements relating to projections of the earnings, revenues, income or loss, future financial performance and growth potential of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and its subsidiaries. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. Future events and actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those set forth in, contemplated by or underlying the forward-looking statements and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them. A list of important factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements is included in RGA's most recent annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly report on Form 10-Q and other documents filed by RGA with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not undertake any obligations to update these forward looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.