

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
Form 8-K
December 13, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **December 7, 2006**

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

001-32141

(Commission File Number)

98-0429991

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Assured Guaranty Ltd.

30 Woodbourne Avenue
Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-4004

Not applicable

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

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 7, 2006, Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. (the Company), entered into an agreement (the Agreement) with ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd., a subsidiary of ACE Limited (ACE), to purchase 5,692,599 of Assured Guaranty s common shares for \$150 million. This share purchase would reduce ACE s ownership of Assured Guaranty s common shares to 20,307,401, or approximately 30% of the Company s total common shares outstanding. The purchase of these shares will be funded by, and is contingent upon, Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. s raising of \$150 million of junior subordinated indebtedness.

A copy of the Agreement is attached as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

See Item 1.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Share Purchase Agreement, dated December 7, 2006, between Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. and ACE Bermuda Insurance Ltd.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.

By: /s/ James M. Michener
Name: James M. Michener
Title: General Counsel

DATE: December 13, 2006

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