

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2012

**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): February 23, 2012

**Alleghany Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-9371**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0283071**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**7 Times Square Tower, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10036**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 752-1356

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

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 23, 2012, Alleghany Corporation ( Alleghany ) issued a press release on the subject of its 2011 consolidated earnings. A copy of such release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information hereunder shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(c) Exhibits**

99.1 2011 Earnings Release, dated February 23, 2012

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

Date: February 23, 2012

By: /s/ Roger B. Gorham  
Name: Roger B. Gorham  
Title: Senior Vice President and chief financial officer

**Index to Exhibits**

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