AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K July 10, 2013

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): July 10, 2013

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-14795 (Commission

Not applicable (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation or Organization)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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The Boyle Building, 2nd Floor

31 Queen Street

Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(441) 296-8560

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 10, 2013, the Registrant issued a press release announcing record date and meeting date for its Special General Meeting of Shareholders to consider the merger of the Registrant and Fairfax Bermuda Holdings, Ltd. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) <u>Exhibits</u>. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. issued July 10, 2013 announcing record date and meeting date

for its Special General Meeting.

Additional Information for Shareholders

In connection with the proposed merger, American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other documents filed by American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. at the Securities and Exchange Commission s web site at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement and such other documents may also be obtained for free from American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. by directing such request to American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd., the Boyle Building, 2nd Floor, 31 Queen Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda, Attn: Corporate Secretary, telephone: (441) 542-7938, Attention: Corporate Secretary, or from the Company s website, located at www.amsafety.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. and its directors, executive officers and other members of its management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from its stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information concerning the interests of American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. s participants in the solicitation is set forth in the Company s proxy statements and Annual Reports on Form 10-K, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and in the proxy statement relating to the proposed merger when it becomes available.

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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.

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD. Registrant

Date: July 10, 2013

By: /s/ Stephen R. Crim
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