

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD
Form SC 13D/A
January 21, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)
(Amendment No. 1)*

American Safety Insurance Holdings LTD

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

Par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

G02995101

(CUSIP Number)

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

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January 8, 2010

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

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(a) ☐ (b) ☒

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 WC (See Item 3)
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) ☐

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Bermuda

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0

OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH

REPORTING 1,409,278
9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

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13.62%* (See Item 5)

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D on the Common Stock of American Safety Insurance Holdings LTD. (the Issuer) is being filed on behalf of the undersigned to amend the Schedule 13D, as amended (the Schedule 13D), which was originally filed on February 27, 2009. Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Schedule 13D.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) - (c) The information previously provided in clauses (i) and (ii) in response to Item 2 is hereby updated as follows:

(i) Argo RE, Ltd., a Bermuda class 4 insurance company (Argo RE), owns 1,409,278 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer; and

(ii) Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd., a Bermuda company limited (AGII), may be deemed to beneficially own 1,409,278 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, all of which are held by Argo RE, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGII.

(f) Updated information required by this Item 2(f) concerning the directors and executive officers of each of the Reporting Persons is set forth on Schedule A annexed hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The information previously provided in response to Item 5 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

(a) The aggregate number and percentage of Common Stock of the Issuer deemed to be beneficially owned by Argo RE is 1,409,278 shares, which represents approximately 13.62% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock of the Issuer. The calculation of this percentage is based on 10,349,381 shares of Common Stock outstanding, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on November 9, 2009.

The aggregate number and percentage of Common Stock of the Issuer deemed to be beneficially owned by AGII is 1,409,278 shares, which represents approximately 13.62% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock of the Issuer. The calculation of this percentage is based on 10,349,381 shares of Common Stock outstanding, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on November 9, 2009.

(b) Argo RE, by virtue of its position as the holder of the 1,409,278 shares of Common Stock and AGII, by virtue of the fact that Argo RE is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGII, may be deemed to have the shared power to vote and dispose of the Common Stock owned by Argo RE reported herein.

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The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that any Reporting Person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of any securities other than the securities stated herein to be beneficially owned by such Reporting Person.

(c) The following transactions in the Common Stock of the Issuer were effected during the past sixty days:

On January 8, 2010, Argonaut Insurance Company (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AGII) sold 150,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market and Argo RE sold 82,100 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market. The weighted average price of these 232,100 shares was \$14.2183, and the range of sale prices was \$14.18 to \$14.2533.

On January 11, 2010, Argo RE sold 22,501 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market. The weighted average price of these shares was \$14.1093, and the range of sale prices was \$14.10 to \$14.22.

On January 12, 2010, Argo RE sold 24,195 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market. The weighted average price of these shares was \$14.0579, and the range of sale prices was \$14.00 to \$14.10.

On January 13, 2010, Argo RE sold 9,900 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market. The weighted average price of these shares was \$14.0219, and the range of sale prices was \$14.00 to \$14.0508.

On January 14, 2010, Argo RE sold 24,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer on the open market. The weighted average price of these shares was \$14.0036, and the range of sale prices was \$14.00 to \$14.0509.

None of the persons set forth on Schedule A has effected any transactions in the Common Stock of the Issuer during the past sixty days.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Joint Filing Agreement by and between Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. and Argo RE, Ltd. dated as of January 21, 2010.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 21, 2010

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ JAY S. BULLOCK
Name: Jay S. Bullock
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ARGO RE, LTD.

By: /s/ KEVIN COPELAND
Name: Kevin Copeland
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer