

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 26, 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) April 26, 2012

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-5823 (Commission File Number)	36-6169860 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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333 S. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)	60604 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (312) 822-5000

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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 April 26, 2012, the registrant issued a press release announcing that Hardy Underwriting Bermuda Limited (Hardy) shareholders have voted to approve the registrant's proposed acquisition of Hardy. The acquisition is expected to close by the end of the second quarter of 2012, subject to regulatory approvals. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits:

See Exhibit Index.

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.

CNA Financial Corporation  
(Registrant)

Date: April 26, 2012

By /s/ D. Craig Mense  
(Signature)  
D. Craig Mense  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued April 26, 2012, announcing that Hardy Underwriting Bermuda Limited (Hardy) shareholders have voted to approve the registrant's proposed acquisition of Hardy.