

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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) March 1, 2012

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33143 04-3106389
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

59 Maiden Lane, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10038
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 220-7120

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.133-4 (c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 1, 2012, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into amendments to each of Michael J. Saxon’s, Ronald E. Pipoly, Jr.’s and Christopher M. Longo’s Employment Agreements dated March 1, 2010, as amended (collectively, the “Original Agreements”).

The purposes for amending the Original Agreements were to extend the term of the Original Agreements from February 28, 2013 to February 28, 2015 and to provide for three-year renewal options at the end of the term. All of the other provisions of the Original Agreements remain unchanged.

The description of the amendments is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amendments, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On Monday, March 5, 2012, Barry Zyskind, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, and Ronald E. Pipoly, Jr., the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, will speak at the Association of Insurance and Financial Analysts (AIFA) 37th Annual Conference in Naples, Florida. A copy of the presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information under this Item 7.01 and the presentation attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 shall be deemed to be “furnished” and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The furnishing of the information in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that the information in this report is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company.

Forward Looking Statements

The presentation in Exhibit 99.1 may contain "forward-looking statements" that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on the

Company. There can be no assurance that actual developments will be those anticipated by the Company. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in these statements as a result of significant risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, non-receipt of expected payments from insureds or reinsurers, changes in interest rates, a downgrade in the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries, the effect of the performance of financial markets on our investment portfolio, our estimates of the fair value of our life settlement contracts, development of claims and the effect on loss reserves, accuracy in projecting loss reserves, the cost and availability of reinsurance coverage, the effects of emerging claim and coverage issues, changes in the demand for our products, successful integration of acquired businesses, the effect of general economic conditions, state and federal legislation, regulations and regulatory investigations into industry practices, risks associated with conducting business outside the United States, developments relating to existing agreements, disruptions to our business relationships with Maiden Holdings, Ltd., American Capital Acquisition Corporation, or third party agencies and warranty administrators, difficulties with technology, heightened competition, changes in pricing environments, and changes in asset valuations. Any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation are made only as of the date they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements except as may be required by law. Additional information about these risks and uncertainties, as well as others that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, is contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 10-K and its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Amendment No. 2 to Employment Agreement, dated March 1, 2012, by and between the Company and Michael J. Saxon.
10.2	Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement, dated March 1, 2012, by and between the Company and Ronald E. Pipoly, Jr.
10.3	Amendment No. 2 to Employment Agreement, dated March 1, 2012, by and between the Company and Christopher M. Longo.
99.1	Presentation slides.

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SIGNATURE

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.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date March 5, 2012 By: /s/ Stephen Ungar
Stephen Ungar
General Counsel and Secretary