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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

December 5, 2003

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Cayman Islands 1-10809 98-0191089 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

XL House, One Bermudiana Road, Hamilton, Bermuda HM11 (Address of principal executive offices)

(441) 292-8515 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other events.

On December 5, 2003, XL Capital Ltd issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99(a) and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

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Exhibit No. Description

99(a) Press Release ("XL Capital Ltd Announces Filing of Post-

Effective Amendments to the Registration Statements

Covering Resales of Its Zero-Coupon Convertible Debentures

Due 2021 and Its Liquid Yield Option (TM) Notes Due

2021") dated December 5, 2003.

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.

Dated: December 5, 2003

XL CAPITAL LTD

By: /s/ Jerry de St. Paer

Name: Jerry de St. Paer

Title: Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99(a)

XL Capital Ltd

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NEWS RELEASE

IMMEDIATE

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XL CAPITAL LTD ANNOUNCES FILING OF POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTRATION STATEMENTS COVERING RESALES OF ITS ZERO-COUPON CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES DUE 2021

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AND ITS LIQUID YIELD OPTION(TM) NOTES DUE 2021

Hamilton, Bermuda (December 5, 2003) - XL Capital Ltd (NYSE: XL) ("XL") announced today that it has filed Post-Effective Amendments to its Registration Statements on Form S-3 (SEC File No. 333-66976 and SEC File No. 333-73410) (the "Registration Statements") covering (i) resales of XL's Zero-Coupon Convertible Debentures due May 23, 2021 (the "Debentures") by the holders of the Debentures and the ordinary shares of XL into which the Debentures are convertible and (ii) resales of XL's Liquid Yield Option(TM) Notes due September 7, 2021 (the "LYONS") by holders of the LYONs and the ordinary shares of XL into which the LYONs are convertible, respectively. As contemplated by the registration rights agreements entered into at the time of the original offering of the Debentures and the LYONs, the Post-Effective Amendments were filed to de-register certain of the Debentures and the LYONs and the ordinary shares into which each are convertible pursuant to an undertaking in the Registration Statements to de-register such number of Debentures and LYONs and ordinary shares as remain unsold as of the termination of the respective registered

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offerings. The offerings contemplated by the Registration Statements have terminated by virtue of the expiration of XL's contractual obligations to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statements.

XL Capital Ltd, through its operating subsidiaries, is a leading provider of insurance and reinsurance coverages and financial products to industrial, commercial and professional service firms, insurance companies, and other enterprises on a worldwide basis. As of September 30, 2003, XL Capital Ltd had consolidated assets of approximately \$39.6 billion and consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$7.4 billion. More information about XL Capital Ltd is available at www.xlcapital.com.

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