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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): September 2, 2014

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-9371 (Commission **51-0283071** (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 2, 2014, Alleghany Corporation (the Company) agreed to sell \$300 million aggregate principal amount of its 4.900% Senior Notes due 2044 (the Senior Notes) in an underwritten public offering (the Offering). The Offering was made pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement dated September 2, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on September 3, 2014, and the Prospectus dated August 29, 2014, filed as part of the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-198489) that became effective when filed with the SEC on August 29, 2014. The Offering is expected to close on September 9, 2014, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

On September 2, 2014, in connection with the Offering, the Company entered into an Underwriting Agreement, dated September 2, 2014 (the Underwriting Agreement), with BMO Capital Markets Corp., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and customary conditions to closing, indemnification rights, obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated September 2, 2014, by and among Alleghany Corporation and BMO Capital Markets Corp., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

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.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

By: /s/ John L. Sennott, Jr.

Date: September 8, 2014

Name: John L. Sennott, Jr.

Title: Senior Vice President and chief financial officer

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