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November 09, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): NOVEMBER 9, 2004

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE

1-9371

51-0283071

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION)

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(COMMISSION FILE  
NUMBER)

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(IRS EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

375 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 3201  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

10152

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(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

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(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (212) 752-1356

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

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 9, 2004, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release on the subject of its 2004 third quarter consolidated earnings. A copy of such release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information hereunder shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that

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section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(C) EXHIBITS

99.1 2004 Third Quarter Earnings Release, dated November 9, 2004

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

/s/ Peter R. Sismondo

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By: Peter R. Sismondo  
Vice President,  
Controller,  
Treasurer and Assistant  
Secretary

Date: November 9, 2004

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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