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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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 9, 2003

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9371 51-0283071

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 752-1356

Item 5. Other Events

On June 9, 2003, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Royal Specialty Underwriting, Inc., the Atlanta, Georgia-based excess and surplus underwriting subsidiary of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group plc. A copy of such release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

/s/ Peter R. Sismondo

By: Peter R. Sismondo Vice President, Controller,

Treasurer and Assistant

Secretary

Date: June 9, 2003

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Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release Announcing Agreement of Alleghany

Corporation to Acquire Royal Specialty

Underwriting, Inc.