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XL CAPITAL LTD Form 8-K August 18, 2004

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): August 18, 2004

XL CAPITAL LTD (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

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

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

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 18, 2004, XL Capital Ltd issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release ("XL CAPITAL LTD ANNOUNCES PLAN TO OFFER SENIOR NOTES") dated August 18, 2004.

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.

Date: August 18, 2004

XL CAPITAL LTD
 (Registrant)

By: /s/ Christopher V. Greetham

Name: Christopher V. Greetham
Title: Executive Vice President &
Chief Investment Officer