

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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) October 13, 2011

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-10607 (Commission File Number)	36-2678171 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 346-8100

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 12, 2011, two of the Registrant's mortgage guaranty insurance subsidiaries, Republic Mortgage Insurance Company and Republic Mortgage Insurance Company of North Carolina each voluntarily entered into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Insurance to discontinue writing or assuming any new mortgage guaranty insurance business in all states. Both companies are North Carolina corporations. Each had temporarily suspended the writing of new business as of August 31, 2011, while in discussions with the regulators and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The discontinuation is not expected to affect the administration of existing business. New business volume had been declining for the past several years, reflecting the downturn in overall mortgage originations, lower penetration by the mortgage guaranty insurance industry of the nation's current mortgage market, and the affects of more selective underwriting guidelines employed since late 2007.

