ASSURED GUARANTY LTD Form 8-K July 07, 2016

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) — July 7, 2016 (June 30, 2016)

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda 001-32141 98-0429991

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer Identification

organization) Number) No.)

Assured Guaranty Ltd.
30 Woodbourne Avenue
Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 279-5700

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 30,

2016, Assured

Guaranty Ltd.

(together with its

subsidiaries,

Assured

Guaranty)

announced that

Assured

Guaranty

Municipal Corp.

(AGM), a bond

insurance

subsidiary of

Assured

Guaranty Ltd.,

and other parties

to the

restructuring

support

agreement

(RSA) with the

Puerto Rico

Electric Power

Authority

(PREPA) had

agreed to

purchase new

interest-bearing

bonds from

PREPA to help

fund the full

payment of

principal and

interest due on

July 1, 2016, to

PREPA

bondholders. The

parties to the

RSA also agreed

to extend the

RSA to

December 15,

2016. AGM

purchased a total

of \$25.8 million

of PREPA bonds, with a 7.5% coupon,

maturing on

January 1 and

July 1, 2020.

Upon

finalization of

the PREPA

restructuring

transaction, these

bonds will be

supported by

securitization

bonds

contemplated by

the RSA. In

aggregate, the

parties to the

bond purchase

agreement

agreed to

purchase a total

of \$263.8 million

of new bonds.

PREPA's total

amount of

principal and

interest due on

all its

outstanding

bonds July 1,

2016, was

\$416.7 million.

On July 7, 2016,

Assured

Guaranty

announced that

AGM and

Assured

Guaranty Corp.

(AGC), another

of its bond

insurance

subsidiaries,

made debt

service payments

to holders of

insured general

obligation (GO)

and other bonds

on which Puerto

Rico and certain

of its

instrumentalities

defaulted on July

1, 2016. The

table below lists

the defaulting

issuers, the total

principal and

interest

payments due

July 1 from such

issuers on bonds

insured by AGM

and AGC, and

the total gross

and net claim

payments by

Assured

Guaranty.

Assured

Guaranty's

subsidiary

Municipal

Assurance Corp.

has no insured

exposure to

Puerto Rico.

Principal and Interest Due July 1, 2016 and Claims Paid by Assured Guaranty (\$ in millions)

Total Payment Due by Obligor (Gross P&I)	Total Claim Paid (Gross P&I)
210	196
9	8
Σ.	
55	0
34	0
15	0
<1	<1
45	0
25	0
9	0
0	0
0	0
403	205
	11
	11
	-33
	-55
	184
	(Gross P&I) 210 9 55 34 15 <1 45 25 9 0 0

^{1.} AGM participated in a bond purchase agreement that allowed PREPA to fund its full payment to bondholders, as described above.

Data is as of July 6, 2016 and is subject to adjustment. As of July 6, 2016, Assured Guaranty had received \$205 million of claim notices, all of which have been processed in full. For any obligor where amounts were due but no claims were paid, the payments were made by the obligor or from its available reserves.

Any forward-looking statements made in this Form 8-K reflect Assured Guaranty's current views with respect to future events and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the **Private Securities** Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in these statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those resulting from adverse developments in Puerto Rico or at any of its instrumentalities, an inability or failure of creditors to negotiate and implement a consensual restructuring, litigation that has already been initiated or may be initiated in the future, governmental or legislative action or inaction by Puerto Rico or

the United States, other risks and uncertainties that have not been identified at this time, management's response to these factors, and other risk factors identified in Assured Guaranty's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are made as of July 7, 2016. **Assured Guaranty** undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by

law.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.

By: /s/ Robert A. Bailenson Name: Robert A. Bailenson Title: Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 7, 2016