

AON CORP
Form 8-K
September 13, 2010

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): **September 10, 2010**

Aon Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-7933
(Commission File Number)

36-3051915
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

200 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60601
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(312) 381-1000**

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously described in Item 1.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of Aon Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Aon) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on August 16, 2010, which description is incorporated by reference herein pursuant to General Instruction B.3 of Form 8-K, Aon entered into a Senior Bridge Term Loan Credit Agreement on August 13, 2010 (the Bridge Credit Agreement) with Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent (the Administrative Agent), the lenders party thereto (collectively, the Bridge Lenders), Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. (Morgan Stanley), as syndication agent, Bank of America, N.A. (Bank of America), Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (Deutsche Bank) and RBS Securities Inc. (RBS), as co-documentation agents and co-arrangers, and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (CS USA) and Morgan Stanley, as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, pursuant to which, subject to the conditions set forth in the Bridge Credit Agreement, the Bridge Lenders committed to provide an unsecured bridge financing of up to \$1.5 billion to finance a portion of the purchase price for Aon s merger (the Merger) with Hewitt Associates, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Hewitt).

In lieu of a future drawing under the Bridge Credit Agreement, on September 10, 2010, Aon issued \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% Senior Notes due 2015, \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.00% Senior Notes due 2020 and \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.25% Senior Notes due 2040 under Aon s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-159841), as previously described in Item 8.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of Aon filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 10, 2010 (the Notes Offering). On September 10, 2010, Aon delivered notice to the Administrative Agent (the Termination Notice) of its intent to terminate the Bridge Credit Agreement in full effective as of September 15, 2010 (the Termination Date). Aon will have no further obligations under the Bridge Credit Agreement, other than certain indemnification and other customary surviving obligations.

The Administrative Agent and certain of the Bridge Lenders and the agents under the Bridge Credit Agreement and their affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, investment banking, commercial lending, financial advisory and other services for Aon as well as for Hewitt. They have received customary fees and expenses for these services. In particular, Credit Suisse is administrative agent, Morgan Stanley is syndication agent, Bank of America, Deutsche Bank and RBS are co-documentation agents and co-arrangers, CS USA and Morgan Stanley are joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners and certain of the Bridge Lenders are lenders, under Aon s term loan credit agreement that is available to finance a portion of the purchase price for the Merger, and such parties were joint book-running managers in the Notes Offering. Further, CS USA is acting as financial advisor to Aon in connection with the Merger and the related transactions, and will receive a contingent payment in the event of the successful completion of the Merger.

Safe Harbor Statement

This communication contains certain statements related to future results, or states our intentions, beliefs and expectations or predictions for the future which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from either historical or anticipated results depending on a variety of factors. Potential factors that could impact results include: the possibility that the expected efficiencies and cost savings from the proposed transaction will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; the ability to obtain governmental approvals of the merger on the proposed terms and schedule contemplated by the parties; the failure of stockholders of Hewitt to approve the proposal to adopt the merger agreement; the failure of the stockholders of Aon to approve the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Aon common stock to Hewitt stockholders in the merger; the loss of key Aon or Hewitt employees following the merger; the risk that the Aon and Hewitt businesses will not be integrated successfully; disruption from the proposed transaction making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships with customers, partners and others; the possibility that the proposed transaction does not close, including, but not limited to, due to the failure to satisfy the closing conditions; general economic conditions in different countries in which Aon and Hewitt do business around the world; changes in global equity and fixed income markets that could affect the return on invested assets; fluctuations in exchange and interest rates that could impact revenue and expense; rating agency

actions that could affect Aon's ability to borrow funds; changes in the funding status of Aon's various defined benefit pension plans and the impact of any increased pension funding resulting from those changes; Aon's ability to implement restructuring initiatives and other initiatives intended to yield cost savings, and the ability to achieve those cost savings; the impact on risk and insurance services commission revenues of changes in the availability of, and the premium insurance carriers charge for, insurance and reinsurance products, including the impact on premium rates and market capacity attributable to catastrophic events; the outcome of inquiries from regulators and investigations related to compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and non-U.S. anti-corruption laws; the impact of investigations brought by U.S. state attorneys general, U.S. state insurance regulators, U.S. federal prosecutors, U.S. federal regulators, and regulatory authorities in the U.K. and other countries; the impact of class actions and individual lawsuits including client class actions, securities class actions, derivative actions and ERISA class actions; the cost of resolution of other contingent liabilities and loss contingencies, including potential liabilities arising from error and omissions claims against Aon or Hewitt; the extent to which Aon and Hewitt retain existing clients and attract new businesses; the extent to which Aon and Hewitt manage certain risks created in connection with the various services, including fiduciary and advisory services, among others, that Aon and Hewitt currently provide, or will provide in the future, to clients; the impact of, and potential challenges in complying with, legislation and regulation in the jurisdictions in which Aon and Hewitt operate, particularly given the global scope of Aon's and Hewitt's businesses and the possibility of conflicting regulatory requirements across jurisdictions in which Aon and Hewitt do business; and the ability to realize the anticipated benefits to Aon of the Benfield merger. Further information concerning Aon, Hewitt, and their business, including factors that potentially could materially affect Aon's and Hewitt's financial results, is contained in Aon's and Hewitt's filings with the SEC. See Aon's and Hewitt's Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Annual Reports to Stockholders for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009, respectively, and other public filings with the SEC for a further discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties applicable to our businesses. Neither Aon nor Hewitt undertakes, and each of them expressly disclaims, any duty to update any forward-looking statement whether as a result of new information, future events or changes in their respective expectations, except as required by law.

Additional Information

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy our securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval. This communication is being made in respect of the proposed transaction involving Aon and Hewitt. In connection with the proposed merger, Aon filed with the SEC a definitive joint proxy statement, which also constitutes a prospectus of Aon. The joint proxy statement/prospectus was mailed to Aon stockholders and Hewitt stockholders on or about August 19, 2010. Before making any voting or investment decision, investors and stockholders are urged to read carefully in their entirety the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction and any other relevant documents filed by either Aon or Hewitt with the SEC when they become available because they contain and will contain important information about the proposed transaction. You may obtain copies of all documents filed with the SEC regarding this transaction, free of charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov), by accessing Aon's website at www.aon.com under the heading "Investor Relations" and then under the link "SEC Filings" and from Aon by directing a request to Aon at Aon Corporation, 200 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, Attention: Investor Relations, and by accessing Hewitt's website at www.hewitt.com under the heading "Investor Relations" and then under the link "Reports & SEC Filings" and from Hewitt by directing a request to Hewitt at Hewitt Associates, Inc., 100 Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069, Attention: Investor Relations.

Aon and Hewitt and their respective directors and executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. You can find information about Aon's directors and executive officers in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 7, 2010. You can find information about Hewitt's directors and executive officers in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on December 16, 2009. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus filed by Aon with the SEC and will be contained in other relevant materials to be filed by Aon or Hewitt with the SEC when they become available. You can obtain free copies of these documents from Aon and Hewitt using the contact information above.

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.

Date: September 13, 2010

Aon Corporation

By:

/s/ Ram Padmanabhan

Ram Padmanabhan

Vice President and Chief Counsel Corporate