METLIFE INC Form 8-K January 14, 2009

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): January 12, 2009 METLIFE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 1-15787 13-4075851

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166-0188

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

212-578-2211

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code) N/A

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

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under the

Exchange Act

(17 CFR

240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement

communications

pursuant to

Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 12, 2009, MetLife, Inc. (the Company) entered into a remarketing agreement (the Remarketing Agreement) with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., as Remarketing Agent, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., not individually but solely as Purchase Contract Agent and as attorney-in-fact of the holders of Purchase Contracts (each as defined therein), relating to the remarketing of the Company s 4.91% Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, Series B (the Series B Debt Securities) or any successor or replacement securities (the Remarketed Securities). Additional remarketing agents may be selected to participate in the remarketing. The terms of the Remarketing Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, are incorporated herein by reference. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Remarketing Agreement.

The Series B Debt Securities were originally issued by the Company to MetLife Capital Trust III (Trust III) in June 2005 in connection with the offering of the Company s Common Equity Units (the Units). Each Unit initially consisted of a contract to purchase shares of the Company s common stock in accordance with the terms of the Units, a 1/80th undivided beneficial interest in a trust preferred security (the Series A Trust Preferred Securities) of MetLife Capital Trust II (Trust II) and a 1/80th undivided beneficial interest in a trust preferred security (the Series B Trust Preferred Securities) of Trust III. In August 2008, Trust II was dissolved, the underlying debt securities held by Trust II were distributed to the holders of the Series A Trust Preferred Securities, and the underlying securities were remarketed.

In accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust of Trust III, Trust III will be dissolved and the Series B Debt Securities will be distributed to the holders of the Series B Trust Preferred Securities, prior to the Remarketing Date. Subject to the terms of the Remarketing Agreement, the remarketing is scheduled to occur on February 11, 2009. The Remarketing Agreement provides that the Remarketing Agents are obligated to use their commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a price for the Remarketed Securities which results in proceeds, net of fees, equal to at least 100% of the aggregate principal amount of, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Remarketed Securities to the Remarketing Settlement Date. The Remarketing Agents will remarket all Remarketed Securities tendered or deemed tendered for remarketing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.(c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Remarketing Agreement dated as of January 12, 2009 among MetLife, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., as Remarketing Agent, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., not individually, but solely as Purchase Contract Agent and as Attorney-in-Fact of the Holders of Purchase Contracts.

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.

METLIFE, INC.

By: /s/ Gwenn L. Carr

Name: Gwenn L. Carr

Title: Senior Vice-President and Secretary

Date: January 13, 2009

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