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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July, 2004

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Baarerstrasse 8
CH-6300 Zug
Switzerland

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No
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If "Yes" is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- Not Applicable

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.

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By: /s/ Dirk Lohmann
Name: Dirk Lohmann
Title: CEO

By: /s/ Christian Felderer
Name: Christian Felderer
Title: General Legal Counsel

Date: July 21, 2004

Converium Holding Ltd, Zug

Converium notes the uncertainty regarding the impact of today's announcement regarding its insurance reserves on the 8.25% guaranteed Subordinated Notes due 2032 issued by Converium Finance S.A. and guaranteed by Converium Holding A.G. and Converium A.G.

The strengthening of reserves and related asset impairments announced today should not impact Converium's ability to service the notes. As of March 31, 2004, Converium had total assets of more than US\$15 billion, cash and cash equivalents of more than US\$300 million and shareholders' equity of US\$2.2 billion. Converium will announce its results for the second quarter of 2004 on July 27, 2004.

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About Converium

Converium is an independent leading global multi-line reinsurer known for its innovation, professionalism and service. Today Converium ranks among the top ten professional reinsurers and employs approximately 850 people in 23 offices around the globe. Converium is organized into three business segments: Standard Property & Casualty Reinsurance, Specialty Lines and Life & Health Reinsurance. Converium's net losses for the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States are capped at US\$ 289.2 million by its former parent, Zurich Financial Services. Converium has minimal A&E exposures. Converium has an "-A" rating (negative outlook) both from Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best Company.

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operations, business, strategy and plans, based on currently available information. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as 'expects', 'should continue', 'believes', 'anticipates', 'estimates' and 'intends'. The specific forward-looking statements cover, among other matters, our reserve position, the elimination of legacy issues from Zurich Re, loss reporting trends and our business plans. Such statements are inherently subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and trends could differ materially from those set forth in such statements due to various factors. Such factors include general economic conditions, including in particular economic conditions; the frequency, severity and development of insured loss events arising out of catastrophes, as well as man-made disasters such as the September 11, 2001 attack on the United States; the ability to exclude and to reinsure the risk of loss from terrorism; fluctuations in interest rates; returns on and fluctuations in the value of fixed income investments, equity investments and properties; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; rating agency actions; changes in laws and regulations and general competitive factors, and other risks and uncertainties, including those detailed in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the SWX Swiss Exchange. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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