

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/04/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres, RenRe Ventures Ltd.

RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 59,710 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/04/2006 | | M | | \$ 12,851 | A | by Partnership (1) |
| Common Stock | 08/04/2006 | | F | | \$ 10,926 | D | by Partnership (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,137 | I | by Spouse |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 39.59 | 08/04/2006 | | M | 12,851 | 12/23/2002 08/06/2006 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA | | | Pres, RenRe Ventures Ltd. | |

Signatures

/s/ John D. Nichols, Jr. 08/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These securities are owned and controlled by a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (2) Not Applicable.

Remarks:

The transactions reported hereby relate to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person

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on August 6, 1996 with a ten year term, and were exercised shortly prior to their scheduled expiration on August 6, 2006.

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