

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
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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 *
JONES RALPH E III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
[ACGL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres&CEO Arch Ins. Group Inc.

C/O ARCH INSURANCE GROUP INC., ONE LIBERTY PLAZA
53RD FLOOR

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10006

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Shares \$.01 par value per share | | | | (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 03/02/2005 | | W | 166 A <u>(3)</u> | 166 | I | By spouse |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Share Units | (1) | 02/23/2006 | | A | 6,000 | (1) (1) | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 6,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 56.27 | 02/23/2006 | | A | 30,000 | (2) 02/23/2016 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JONES RALPH E III C/O ARCH INSURANCE GROUP INC. ONE LIBERTY PLAZA 53RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | | | Pres&CEO Arch Ins. Group Inc. | |

Signatures

/s/ Ralph E. Jones III 02/27/2006

**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) Subject to the applicable award agreement, represents restricted share units that vest in three equal annual installments on February 23rd in each of 2007, 2008 and 2009, and will settle in the Issuer's common shares upon the termination of the Reporting Person's employment as specifically provided in the agreement.

(2) The stock option will become exercisable in three equal installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on February 23, 2007 and the next two installments on February 23, 2008 and February 23, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.

(3) Represents shares received by inheritance.

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