

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RIKER WILLIAM I

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)
**RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20
EAST BROADWAY**

(Street)

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President

PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					552,755	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M	23,416 A	\$ 39.76	98,743	I by Partnership (1)
Common Stock	08/04/2006		F	21,334 D	\$ 49.45	77,409	I by Partnership (1)
Common Stock	08/04/2006		M	24,103 A	\$ 42.69	101,512	I by Partnership

Common Stock	08/04/2006	F	21,032	D	\$ 49.45	80,480	I	(1) by Partnership (1)
Common Stock						4,668	I	by Spouse
Common Stock						12,121	I	by Trust (2)
Common Stock						12,120	I	by Trust (3)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.76	08/04/2006		M	23,416	12/26/2002	08/06/2006	Common Stock	23,
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.69	08/04/2006		M	24,103	10/28/2002	08/06/2006	Common Stock	24,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIKER WILLIAM I RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ William I.
Riker

08/07/2006

__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) These securities are owned and controlled by a trust for the benefit of the minor children of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
 - (3) These securities are owned and controlled by various trusts for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
 - (4) Not Applicable.

Remarks:

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