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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Weinstein Stephen Howard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner

Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

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

Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PEMBROKE HM19. BERMUDAÂ

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

36,368 (1)

Â D

Common Stock

1.049 (1)

Ι By Trust (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

Conversion or Exercise

Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	01/11/2003(3)	01/11/2012	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 29.77	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2005(3)	03/12/2014	Common Stock	3,706	\$ 53.96	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/19/2003(3)	11/19/2012	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 39.07	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/21/2006(3)	03/21/2015	Common Stock	8,239	\$ 49.1	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/04/2006(3)	11/04/2015	Common Stock	34,035	\$ 37.51	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/16/2004(3)	05/16/2013	Common Stock	8,232	\$ 45.43	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2005(3)	03/12/2014	Common Stock	5,002	\$ 53.96	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Weinstein Stephen Howard RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY PEMBROKE HM19, BERMUDAÂ	Â	Â	SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	Â		

Signatures

Person

/s/ Stephen H.
Weinstein

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Comprised in the aggregate of 1,921 Common Shares purchased in the open market by the reporting person, 11,275 Common Shares granted to the filing person under stock incentive plans of the registrant which have vested or vest within 60 days from the date of this statement, and 24,221 Common Shares which have not vested. All of such shares vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants.
- (2) These shares were gifted to and are held directly by a trust for the benefit of a minor child of the reporting person, and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.

(3)

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All of such options vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants. The Date Exercisable is the first vesting date of each individual option.

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