

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD
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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 *
RIKER WILLIAM I

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD., RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY

(Street)

PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/19/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
Common Stock	07/19/2006		F	(A) or (D) D	13,562 \$ 48.01	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2006		A	(A) or (D) A	46,135 \$ 0	D	
Common Stock					75,327	I	by Partnership (3)
Common					4,668	I	by Spouse

Stock				
Common Stock	12,121	I	by Trust ⁽⁴⁾	
Common Stock	12,120	I	by Trust ⁽⁵⁾	

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
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.24	07/19/2006		D	700,000	08/31/2009 08/31/2014	Common Stock 70

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RIKER WILLIAM I
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PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA

X President

Signatures

/s/ William I.
Riker

07/20/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Issuer in respect of payment of withholding tax liability. See "Remarks."
- (2) These shares will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on July 19, 2007.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) These options were cancelled for value as explained under "Remarks."

Remarks:

As disclosed in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 21, 2006, on July 19, 2006 Mr. Riker entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with the Issuer providing for, among other things, (i) the forfeiture of 700,000 "premium" stock options under the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2004 Stock Option Incentive Plan, (ii) a grant of 46,135 restricted shares and (iii) an adjustment to the vesting terms of 77,500 restricted shares originally granted to Mr. Riker in 2004 scheduled to "cliff vest" on the fifth anniversary of grant, such that 50% of such shares vested on July 19, 2006 (resulting in the withholding of 13,562 shares in respect of payment of withholding tax liability), with the balance of such shares vesting ratably on the third and fourth anniversary of the original grant date.

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