FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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DONNER FRED ROBERT	2. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 17/10/2006	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [ RNR ]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     Director     Officer (give title		on(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street) PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA  (City) (State) (Zip)	-		X	EVP & CFC	below)	´	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)  3. Ownership Form: Direct (I or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct (D) (I	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		nd 3. Title and Amount of Secu Underlying Derivative Secur		ity (Instr. 4) Conve		ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount Deriva	Price of Derivativ Security					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

## Remarks:

On July 10, 2006, Mr. Fred R. Donner joined the Issuer as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. No securities of the Issuer were beneficially owned by the Reporting Person at the time of appointment. As separately reported, on appointment the Reporting Person was issued 32,619 shares of restricted shares of the issuer and 108,696 NQ stock options with a strike price of \$49.05, both of which vest ratably over a four year period from grant.

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Fred R. Donner

07/11/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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