## FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE					RI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [ RNR ]								5. Relationship of Reporting F (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title			10 Ot	% Owner her (specify	
	Last) (First) (Middle) RENAISSANCE HOUSE 3-12 EAST BROADWAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2004								Pres., Renaissance Underwritin					
(Street) PEMBRO	PROKE Bermuda  (State) (Zip)				4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye			on	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		te,			Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 05/04/200				004	)4			F		1,902(1)	D	\$51.59	57,568		I	D			
Common Stock													158,	769			by Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>		
Common Stock													1,137			I	by Spouse		
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)	Execu if any	eemed Ition Date, h/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code 8)		5. Nui of Derivi Secui Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5	ative rities ired osed	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		Date	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Number of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 5)  (Instr. 4)		ive Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Insti		Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Issuer in respect of payment of withholding tax liability.
- 2. These securities are owned and controlled by a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person (the "Partnership") and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.

/s/ John D. Nichols, Jr. 05/05/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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