FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Durhager Peter C</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statem (Month/Day/Year 08/23/2005	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]							
(Last) (First) (Middle) RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY (Street) PEMBROKE, BERMUDA HM 19			4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) SVP and Chief Admi	10% Owner Other (specify below)		5. 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				
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I Non	Doriveti	ive Securities Beneficiall	v Ovenad						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	f Securities 3. Ownership		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Common Stock			10,918(1)	D						
			Securities Beneficially onto		s)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit		4. Convers	sion cise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/21/2006 ⁽²⁾	03/21/2015	Common Stock	5,654	49.1		D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2005 ⁽²⁾	03/12/2014	Common Stock	9,878	53.9	6	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/31/2009 ⁽³⁾	08/31/2014	Common Stock	42,500	74.2	4	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Comprised of 4,056 Common Shares which have vested and 6,862 Common Shares which have not vested. All of such shares vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants
- 2. 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.
- 3. Such options vest in their entirety on the fifth anniversary of date of grant.

/s/ Peter C. Durhager 08/30/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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