

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STANARD JAMES N</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>RENAISSANCE HOUSE</u> <u>8-12 EAST BROADWAY</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>PEMBROKE HM</u> <u>19,</u> <u>Bermuda</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [ RNR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board &amp; CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/31/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$74.24	08/31/2004		A			1,250,000	08/31/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/31/2014	Common Stock	1,250,000	\$0	1,250,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$98.98	08/31/2004		A			1,250,000	08/31/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/31/2014	Common Stock	1,250,000	\$0	1,250,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These options will vest in full on August 31, 2009.
- On August 31, 2004, the reporting person was granted options to purchase 2,500,000 common shares. One half of these options were issued with an exercise price of 150% of the fair market value of the company's common shares on the date of grant (such that the exercise price is \$74.24), and the other half of these options were issued with an exercise price of 200% of the fair market value of the company's common shares on the date of grant (such that the exercise price is \$98.98)

/s/ James N. Stanard 09/02/2004  
 \*\* 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 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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