FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Durhager Peter C	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY		X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
BROADWAY		SVP and Chief Admin. Officer				
(Street)						
PEMBROKE,		Į.				
BERMUDA			Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
HM 19			X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10,918(1)	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	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	53.96	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/31/2009 ⁽³⁾	08/31/2014	Common Stock	42,500	74.24	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 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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