### FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person SANTOMERO ANTHONY M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD</u> [ RNR ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
					Director	10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
RENAISSANCE I	HOUSE	· · ·	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2008					
8-20 EAST BROA	DWAY							
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		idual or Joint/Group Filing (Che	eck Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

# 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities	Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(IIISU: 4)
Common Stock	08/04/2008		Α		1,982 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	1,982	D	

#### 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	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. In accordance with the Issuer's policies, a restricted stock grant to Mr. Santomero having, at the time of grant, an aggregate far market value of \$100,000, was made on August 4, 2008, the third business day following the release date of the Issuer's financial results for the second fiscal quarter of 2008. The price per share at the close of business on August 4, 2008 was \$50.46. The restricted stock will vest ratably over a three-year period commencing on the anniversary date of Mr. Santomero's election to the Issuer's Board of Directors, which was May 19, 2008.

<u>/s/ Anthony E. Szydlowski,</u> <u>Attorney-in-Fact</u> \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

08/06/2008

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).

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