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 NICHOLS JOH		(Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [ RNR ]		onship of Reporting Person(s) tall applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify below)	
RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY		(mode)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/20/2009		President, RenRe Ventures Ltd.		
(Street) PEMBROKE, BERMUDA	D0	HM 19	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Chec Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One	Person	
(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.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/20/2009		F		3,229(1)	D	\$49.05	133,665(2)	D		
Common Stock								46,759	I	by Partnership <sup>(3)</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)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Ir 8)	ction Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		ate	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr.		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	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. Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Registrant in respect of payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares.
- 2. The Reporting Person previously transferred 3,153 shares of common stock from a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the Reporting Person, with respect to which the Reporting Person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner, to the Reporting Person's own account. There was no change to the aggregate number of shares with respect to which the Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own as a result of such transfer.
- 3. These securities are owned and controlled by a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the Reporting Person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person.

/s/ Anthony E. Szydlowski, Attorney-in-Fact

07/22/2009

\*\* 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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