

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>NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>RENAISSANCE HOUSE</u> <u>8-24 EAST BROADWAY</u> (Street) <u>PEMBROKE, D0 HM 19</u> <u>BERMUDA</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/15/2009</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President, RenRe Ventures Ltd.</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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			
Common Stock	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		67,866	A	\$12.4	201,531	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		F		34,068	D	\$53.03	167,463	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		11,275	A	\$37.32	178,738	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		F		9,104	D	\$53.03	169,634	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		15,815	A	\$39.59	185,449	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		F		13,210	D	\$53.03	172,239	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		16,134	A	\$12.4	188,373	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2009		F		3,773	D	\$53.03	184,600	D	
Common Stock								41,242	I ⁽²⁾	by Partnership
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)	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.4	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		67,866	05/04/2000	05/04/2010	Common Stock	67,866	\$0	0	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.32	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		11,275	05/23/2002	05/04/2010	Common Stock	11,275	\$0	0	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$39.59	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		15,815	12/23/2002	05/04/2010	Common Stock	15,815	\$0	0	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.4	12/15/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		16,134	05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	16,134	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option exercise was effected pursuant to a previously disclosed Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 28, 2009.
 2. 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/ Stephen H. Weinstein, Attorney-in-Fact 12/17/2009

** 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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