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 Wilcox Mark A		(Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD</u> [RNR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title X Other (specify below) SVP, Chief Accounting Officer / Corporate Controller				
RENAISSANCE I 12 CROW LANE	HOUSE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2012					
(Street) PEMBROKE (City)	D0 (State)	HM 19 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 				

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 (Instr. 4)
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	10/18/2012	M ⁽¹⁾		9,902	Α	\$53.86	67,878	D	
Common Stock	10/18/2012	F ⁽¹⁾		7,670	D	\$80.79	60,208	D	
Common Stock	10/19/2012	S ⁽¹⁾		2,232	D	\$80.57 ⁽²⁾	57,976	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)		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		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)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$53.86	10/18/2012		М			9,902	03/03/2009	03/03/2018	RNR Common Stock	9,902	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The transactions reported herein related to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person on March 3, 2008 with a ten year term. The exercise and subsequent sale of resulting shares were effected pursuant to a previously disclosed Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 2, 2011.

2. Represents a weighted average sale price; the sales prices ranged from \$80.55 to \$80.59. Upon request, the full sale information regarding the number of shares sold at each price increment will be provided to the Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer.

Remarks:

/S/ Dierk A. Flemming, Attorney-10/22/2012 in-Fact

** 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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