

**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>BRANAGAN IAN D</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>RENAISSANCE HOUSE</u> <u>12 CROW LANE</u>  (Street) <u>PEMBROKE D0 HM 19</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>11/07/2012</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>SVP, Chief Risk Officer</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	11/07/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		23,762	A	\$51.13	90,363	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		M <sup>(2)</sup>		5,122	A	\$42.66	95,485	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		F <sup>(3)</sup>		3,133	D	\$77.87	92,352	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		F <sup>(2)</sup>		2,807	D	\$77.87	89,545	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		15,603	D	\$77.87	73,942	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>		4,968	A	\$49.1	78,910	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2012		S		12,309	D	\$77.95 <sup>(4)</sup>	66,601	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	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$42.66	11/07/2012		M <sup>(2)</sup>			5,122	03/21/2007	03/21/2016	RNR Common Stock	5,122	\$0.00	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$49.1	11/07/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>			4,968	03/21/2006	03/21/2015	RNR Common Stock	4,968	\$0.00	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$51.13	11/07/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>			23,762	03/01/2008	03/01/2017	RNR Common Stock	23,762	\$0.00	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The transactions reported hereby relate to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person on March 1, 2007 with a ten year term.
- The transactions reported hereby relate to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person on March 21, 2006 with a ten year term.
- The transactions reported hereby relate to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person on March 21, 2005 with a ten year term
- Represents a weighted average sale price; the sales prices ranged from \$77.69 to \$78.34. 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:**

All the transactions on this form are pursuant to an irrevocable letter of instruction intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, signed by the reporting person in August 2012.

/S/ Stephen H. Weinstein,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/09/2012

\*\* 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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