SEC Form 3

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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*	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006	3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

Weinstein Stephen Howard

(Last)   (First)   (Middle)

RENAISSANCE HOUSE

8-20 EAST BROADWAY

(Street)

PEMBROKE

HM19,

BERMUDA

(City)   (State)   (Zip)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

| | Director | | 10% Owner |
| X | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) |

SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	36,368[1]	D	
Common Stock	1,049[1]	I	By Trust[2]

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	01/11/2003[3]	01/11/2012	Common Stock	12,000	29.77	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2005[3]	03/12/2014	Common Stock	3,706	53.96	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/19/2003[3]	11/19/2012	Common Stock	12,000	39.07	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/21/2006[3]	03/21/2015	Common Stock	8,239	49.1	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/04/2006[3]	11/04/2015	Common Stock	34,035	37.51	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/16/2004[3]	05/16/2013	Common Stock	8,232	45.43	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/2005[3]	03/12/2014	Common Stock	5,002	53.96	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Comprised in the aggregate of 1,921 Common Shares purchased in the open market by the reporting person, 11,275 Common Shares granted to the filing person under stock incentive plans of the registrant which have vested or vest within 60 days from the date of this statement, and 24,221 Common Shares which have not vested. All of such shares vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants.

2. These shares were gifted to and are held directly by a trust for the benefit of a minor child of the reporting person, and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.

3. All of such options vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants. The Date Exercisable is the first vesting date of each individual option.

/s/ Stephen H. Weinstein   03/13/2006

** 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 5 (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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