FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE					RI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]								Relationship of Reporting Po (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)			10 Ot	o Issuer % Owner ner (specify ow)
(Last) (First) (Middle) RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-12 EAST BROADWAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2003								President, Renaissance Underwr					
(Street) PEMBROKE, BERMUDA HM 19				4. 11	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					
(City)	(St	ate) (2	Zip)															
		Tabl	e I - N	lon-Deri\	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, D	isposed o	f, or B	enefic	ially Own	ed	1		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day				Execution Date,				s Acquired (A) or If (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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	Transactio	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(IIISU. 4	
Common Stock														64,5	64,519		D	
Common Stock ⁽²⁾			12/19/2)03 12/		2/19/2003		G	v	3,550	D	\$0	198,7	198,769		I by Partnership ⁽¹⁾		
Common Stock											1,13	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	on Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code (8)	(Instr.	str. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Number of Shares		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative derivative Security		10. Ownersl Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These securities are owned and controlled by a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person (the "Partnership") and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- 2. This line reflects a bone fide gift to a charity made by the Partnership on December 19, 2003.

/s/ John D. Nichols

01/12/2004

** 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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