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 of Reporting Person*  NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE					RE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD RNR								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last)	(Fir	rst) (	Middle)	1										X	belov		iiiC		low)	",
	RENAISSANCE HOUSE			3. D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								Pres., Renaissance Underwritin							
8-20 EAST BROADWAY						05/04/2005														
(Street) PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line)	•					
(City)	(St	ate) (.	Zip)																	
		Tabl	e I - N	Non-Deriv	/ative	Seci	uritie	s Ac	quire	ed, Di	sposed o	f, or E	Benefici	ially	Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye			.	Execution Date,		ate,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar 5)					5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo		s Form: Illy (D) or ollowing (I) (Ins		Direct ndirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transa (Instr. 3		ion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common	Stock			05/04/20	005				F		828(1)	D	\$44.02	2	25,4	07	I	D		
Common	Stock														99,539 I by Partn			by Partners	ship <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common	Stock													1,137 I t				by Spou	ıse	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any					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)  (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4)				at of cies ying cive y (Instr. 3	Deri Sec	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	9. Numb derivati Securiti Benefic Owned Followir Reporte Transac (Instr. 4)	ive ies cially ing ed ction(s)		(D) Beneficial Ownership rect (Instr. 4)		
		Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares										

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Issuer in respect of payment of withholding tax liability.
- 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/ Mark A. Wilcox, Attorney-05/04/2005 in-fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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