

RLI CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**VIETS ROBERT O**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
313 NEAPOLITAN WAY  
  
(Street)  
  
NAPLES, FL 34103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RLI CORP [RLI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/30/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 01/30/2012                           |  | J(2)                           | V Amount \$ 332,218.91  | A 71.52   | I  | By Trust (1)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 29,012.1305   | D (1)  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,633.7366   | I  | R.O.Viets<br>2010<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust dtd<br>12/06/10 |

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 28.39<br>(3) (4)                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2004 02/02/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 3,600   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VIETS ROBERT O<br>313 NEAPOLITAN WAY<br>NAPLES, FL 34103 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert O. Viets  
Date: 01/31/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Securities herein were allocated pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.
- (3) Stock option grant price adjusted to reflect \$5 extraordinary dividend declared 11/17/11.
- (4) Stock Option grant price adjusted to reflect \$7 RLI extraordinary dividend paid 12/29/10.

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