

NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY

(Street)

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM 19

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/03/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, RenRe Ventures Ltd.

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/03/2008		A	(A) 17,055 (1)	\$ 0 81,565	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F	(D) 1,827 (2)	\$ 53.86 79,738	D	
Common Stock					39,932	I	by Partnership (3)
Common Stock					1,137	I	by Spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.86	03/03/2008		A	1,856	03/03/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/03/2018	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.86	03/03/2008		A	90,373	03/03/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/03/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM 19			President, RenRe Ventures Ltd.	

Signatures

/s/ Anthony E. Szydlowski,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/05/2008

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) These shares are scheduled to vest in four equal installments beginning on March 3, 2009.
- (2) Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Registrant in respect of payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares.

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- (3) 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.

- On March 3, 2008, the Registrant granted Mr. Nichols employee stock options comprised of (i) 1,856 incentive stock options which are (4) scheduled to vest in a single installment on March 3, 2012 and (ii) a total of 90,373 non-qualified stock options which are scheduled to vest in four annual installments of 23,058, 23,057, 23,057 and 21,201 beginning on March 3, 2009.

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