

Todd Rider Fonner
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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 *
 Todd Rider Fonner

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, 12 CROW LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & CIO

PEMBROKE, D0 HM19

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2012		A		9,056 (1)	A	\$ 0 68,292 D
Common Stock (Performance Based)	03/01/2012		A		7,547 (2)	A	\$ 0 75,839 D
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F		1,290 (3)	D	\$ 71.69 74,549 D
Common Stock (4)	03/01/2012		M		1,344 (5)	A	6 75,893 D

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 will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013.
Grant of restricted Common Stock of the Issuer, pursuant to its 2010 Performance-based Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of these shares is subject to the satisfaction of both certain service-and performance-based vesting conditions. The amount of 7,547 reported as granted represents the maximum potential achievable award assuming maximum performance attainment in each of the subsequent three years, compared to a "target" award value equivalent to 3,018 shares. If minimal performance conditions are not met, all shares will be returned to the Performance Share Plan. The grant consists of three substantially equal performance measurement periods, and the number of shares in each tranche that ultimately vest is a function of the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return during a given calendar-year period relative to the members of a predetermined peer group of companies, and the satisfaction of applicable service conditions.
- (2) This represents shares withheld by the Registrant in respect of payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares from grants made in two prior years which vested on March 1, 2012.
The Reporting Person received a grant of Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Units ("CSRUs") on March 1, 2010 which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011. Each CSRU represents a contingent right to receive, upon settlement, cash equal to the closing fair market value of one Common Share of the Issuer on the date of vesting.
- (3) Represents the full value, gross of any applicable withholdings, of one quarter of the original CSRU grant which vested on March 1, 2012.
- (4) Each CSRU was the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's Common Stock. On March 1, 2012, 1,344 of the Reporting Person's CSRUs were settled for cash.
- (5) This represents shares withheld by the Registrant in respect of payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares from a grant made in a prior year which vested on March 2, 2012.
- (6)
- (7)

Remarks:

In February 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors effected its determinations for executive officer compensation.

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