

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
APPEL PETER A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.  
[ACGL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2006

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

C/O ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD., 45 REID STREET, 4TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM 12

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2006		M	25,000	A	\$ 21	226,843 D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2006		M	4,347	A	\$ 23	231,190 D

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share 02/16/2006 S 29,347 D \$ 55.7 201,843 D

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21	02/16/2006		M	25,000	<u>(1)</u> 05/05/2007	Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23	02/16/2006		M	4,347	<u>(1)</u> 11/18/2007	Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	4,347

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
APPEL PETER A C/O ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. 45 REID STREET, 4TH FLOOR HAMILTON, D0 HM 12	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Louis T. Petrillo Attorney  
in fact

02/17/2006

\_\_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) Represents an employee stock option that became exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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