

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
 Form 4
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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 *
 IORDANOU CONSTANTINE

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 45
 REID STREET

02/23/2006

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	02/23/2006		A	20,000 (1)	A	11	362,038	D	
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share							10,500	I	By children
							60,000	I	By GRAT

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
					V	(A) (D)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.27	02/23/2006		A		150,000	(2) 02/23/2016	Common Shares, \$.01 per share 150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IORDANOU CONSTANTINE WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR 45 REID STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 12	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Constantine Iordanou 02/24/2006

**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).

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- (1) Represents restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on February 23rd in each of 2007, 2008 and 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable in three equal installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on February 23, 2007 and the next two installments on February 23, 2008 and February 23, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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