

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
Form 4
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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 *
Hutchings W Preston

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)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Investment Officer

WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 45 REID STREET

05/11/2007

(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 05/11/2007 | | A | | 5,250 (1) | A | 18,416 |
| Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | I | 1,516 |

By Company
(3)

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right ⁽²⁾ | \$ 71.12 | 05/11/2007 | | A | 5,250 | ⁽²⁾ 05/11/2017 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hutchings W Preston WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR 45 REID STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 12 | | | SVP & Chief Investment Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ W. Preston
Hutchings

05/14/2007

**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 restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on May 11th in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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- (2) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 11, 2008 and the next two installments on May 11, 2009 and May 11, 2010, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (3) The shares are held by a company which is owned by a family trust; beneficiaries of the family trust are the Reporting Person, his spouse and their minor children.

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