

Weinstein Stephen Howard
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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 *
 Weinstein Stephen Howard

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, 8-24 EAST BROADWAY

(Street)

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM19

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel & Secty

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 12,000 | A | \$ 29.77 |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2009 | | F | | 6,737 | D | \$ 53.03 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,436 | I | By Trusts ⁽²⁾ |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.77 | 12/15/2009 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 12,000 | 01/11/2003 01/11/2012 | Common Stock 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Weinstein Stephen Howard RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-24 EAST BROADWAY PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM19 | | | SVP, General Counsel & Secty | |

Signatures

/s/ Stephen H. Weinstein 12/17/2009

__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) Option exercise was effected pursuant to a previously disclosed Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 31, 2009.
- (2) These shares were gifted to and are directly held by two separate trusts for the benefit of each of two minor children of the Reporting Person, respectively, and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person.

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