

Wilcox Mark Alexander
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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 *
 Wilcox Mark Alexander

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)
 10/18/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 SVP, Chief Accounting Officer / Corporate Controller

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 9,902 A | \$ 53.86 | 67,878 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/18/2012 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 7,670 D | \$ 80.79 | 60,208 | D |
| Common Stock | 10/19/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,232 D | \$ 80.57 | 57,976 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 53.86 | 10/18/2012 | | M | 9,902 | 03/03/2009 03/03/2018 | RNR Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wilcox Mark Alexander RENAISSANCE HOUSE 12 CROW LANE PEMBROKE, D0 HM 19 | | | SVP, Chief Accounting Officer | Corporate Controller |

Signatures

/S/ Dierk A. Flemming,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/22/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The transactions reported herein related to the exercise of employee stock options originally granted to the Reporting Person on March 3, 2008 with a ten year term. The exercise and subsequent sale of resulting shares were effected pursuant to a previously disclosed Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 2, 2011.

(2) Represents a weighted average sale price; the sales prices ranged from \$80.55 to \$80.59. Upon request, the full sale information regarding the number of shares sold at each price increment will be provided to the Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer.

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