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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA INC [RGA] Nitsou Paul (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1370 TIMBERLAKE MANOR (Check all applicable) **PARKWAY** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Pres. & COO -RGA International Person CHESTERFIELD, MOÂ 63017 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 29,676 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4) Expira	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	(,

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	12/31/2004	01/01/2010	Common Stock	9,843	\$ 23.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	12/31/2005	01/01/2011	Common Stock	8,302	\$ 29.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	12/31/2006	01/01/2012	Common Stock	8,221	\$ 31.91	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	12/31/2007	01/29/2013	Common Stock	12,697	\$ 27.29	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	12/31/2008	01/28/2014	Common Stock	10,320	\$ 39.61	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	(1)	01/27/2015	Common Stock	8,953	\$ 47.47	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	(2)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	9,741	\$ 47.48	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	(3)	02/20/2017	Common Stock	7,987	\$ 59.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	(4)	02/20/2018	Common Stock	10,114	\$ 56.03	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
. Fr. 1 &	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Nitsou Paul			Pres. & COO		
1370 TIMBERLAKE MANOR PARKWAY	Â	Â	-RGA	Â	
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017			International		

Signatures

William Hutton, by power of attorney 02/27/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options were granted on January 27, 2005 and vest in 25% increments on each of December 31, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- (2) The options were granted on February 21, 2006 and vest in 25% increments on each of December 31, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (3) The options were granted on February 20, 2007 and vest in 25% increments on each of December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (4) The options were granted on February 20, 2008 and vest in 25% increments on each of December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - confirming statement

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