

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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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 *
BRANAGAN IAN D

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)
02/21/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Chief Risk Officer

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 19

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	02/21/2017		D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		1,111	D	\$ 146.56 46,746
Common Stock	02/21/2017		D ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		1,263	D	\$ 146.56 45,483
Common Stock	02/21/2017		D ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾		915	D	\$ 146.56 44,568
Common Stock	02/21/2017		D ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾		105	D	\$ 146.56 44,463
Common Stock	02/21/2017		F ⁽⁶⁾		566	D	\$ 146.56 43,897

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRANAGAN IAN D RENAISSANCE HOUSE 12 CROW LANE PEMBROKE, D0 HM 19			SVP, Chief Risk Officer	

Signatures

/S/ Stephen H. Weinstein, Attorney-in-Fact	02/23/2017
__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).

- Represents the forfeiture, following the Compensation Committee's determination of total shareholder return for 2016, of a portion of the
- (1) third tranche of performance-based restricted shares granted to the reporting person on March 3, 2014 pursuant to the issuer's 2010 Performance- Based Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").
 - (2) The award consisted of three substantially equal tranches and the amount initially awarded represented the maximum potential achievable number of shares. The number of shares in each tranche that ultimately vests at the expiration of the applicable service period is a function of the issuer's total shareholder return relative to a predetermined peer group of companies during a given calendar-year performance period, and is subject to the reporting person's continued employment through the expiration of the applicable service period. Shares that are no longer eligible to vest following the Compensation Committee's determination of total shareholder return for a

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performance period are immediately forfeited.

- (3) Represents the forfeiture, following the Compensation Committee's determination of total shareholder return for 2016, of a portion of the second tranche of performance-based restricted shares granted to the reporting person on February 27, 2015 pursuant to the Plan.
Represents the forfeiture, following the Compensation Committee's determination of total shareholder return for 2016, of a portion of the
- (4) first tranche of performance-based restricted shares granted to the reporting person on January 12, 2016 pursuant to the Issuer's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan as amended and restated June 1, 2002.
Represents the forfeiture, following the Compensation Committee's determination of total shareholder return for 2016, of a portion of the
- (5) first tranche of performance-based restricted shares granted to the reporting person on May 16, 2016 pursuant to the Issuer's 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (6) Shares withheld for payment of withholding taxes upon the vesting, on February 21, 2017, of performance-based restricted shares granted to the reporting person on March 3, 2014.

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