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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 \*  
 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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, General Counsel & Secty

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 12 CROW LANE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2011

PEMBROKE, D0 HM19

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
X Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 12/31/2011                           |  | D                              | 1,057 <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$ 74.37  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2011                           |  | F                              | 706 <sup>(2)</sup>  | \$ 74.37  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/04/2012                           |  | G                              | V 712 <sup>(3)</sup>  | \$ 0  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/04/2012                           |  | G                              | V 712 <sup>(3)</sup>  | \$ 0  | I  | By Trusts <sup>(4)</sup>                              |

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Weinstein Stephen Howard<br>RENAISSANCE HOUSE<br>12 CROW LANE<br>PEMBROKE, D0 HM19 |               |           | SVP, General Counsel & Secty |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen H. Weinstein 01/04/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* 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 1,057 Performance Shares cancelled from a maximum of 3,077 Performance Shares eligible to vest as a result of the Registrant's Total Shareholder Return for the calendar-year 2010 performance period relative to the members of a predetermined peer group. See Remarks below.
  - (2) Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Registrant in respect of payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of the Performance Shares.
  - (3) Represents gifts made to two separate trusts for the benefits of each of two minor children of the Reporting Person, respectively (the "Trusts"), on January 4, 2012 and which shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person.

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(4) These shares were gifted to and are directly held by the Trusts.

**Remarks:**

On June 9, 2010 the Reporting Person was granted performance-based restricted Common Shares of the Issuer ("Performance

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