

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP
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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 *
 RAGER R SCOTT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 2300
 (Street)
 CHICAGO, IL 60601
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/27/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) SrVP-Administration & Planning
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.95	03/27/2008	A		37,500 (1)		12/31/2008	03/19/2018	Common Stock	37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAGER R SCOTT 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE SUITE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601			SrVP-Administration & Planning	

Signatures

R. Scott Rager 03/31/2008
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) These shares vest and become exercisable, effective December 31, 2008, at a rate of 10% the first year, 15% the second year, 20% the third year, 25% the fourth year and 30% the fifth year. However, if an optionee dies, becomes disabled, retires after attaining age 57 or a change in control of the company occurs, the options vest immediately to the extent of the higher of 10% of the award for each year the optionee has been an employee or the actual vested percentage of the award plus 50% of the remaining unvested amounts.
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