

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Â Weinstein Stephen Howard  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

RENAISSANCE  
HOUSE,Â 8-20 EAST  
BROADWAY

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

PEMBROKE HM19,  
BERMUDAÂ

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 36,368 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D   | Â  |
| Common Stock                       | 1,049 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | I   | By Trust <sup>(2)</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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|   | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | 01/11/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/11/2012      | Common Stock        | 12,000                     | \$ 29.77                     | D  | Â          |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | 03/12/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> | 03/12/2014      | Common Stock        | 3,706                      | \$ 53.96                     | D  | Â          |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/19/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/19/2012      | Common Stock        | 12,000                     | \$ 39.07                     | D  | Â          |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/21/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> | 03/21/2015      | Common Stock        | 8,239                      | \$ 49.1                      | D  | Â          |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/04/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/04/2015      | Common Stock        | 34,035                     | \$ 37.51                     | D  | Â          |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/16/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> | 05/16/2013      | Common Stock        | 8,232                      | \$ 45.43                     | D  | Â          |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/12/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> | 03/12/2014      | Common Stock        | 5,002                      | \$ 53.96                     | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Weinstein Stephen Howard<br>RENAISSANCE HOUSE<br>8-20 EAST BROADWAY<br>PEMBROKE HM19, BERMUDA | Â             | Â         | Â SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen H. Weinstein                      03/13/2006

\_\_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) Comprised in the aggregate of 1,921 Common Shares purchased in the open market by the reporting person, 11,275 Common Shares granted to the filing person under stock incentive plans of the registrant which have vested or vest within 60 days from the date of this statement, and 24,221 Common Shares which have not vested. All of such shares vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants.

(2) These shares were gifted to and are held directly by a trust for the benefit of a minor child of the reporting person, and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.

(3)

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All of such options vest ratably in four equal annual installments from the respective dates of grants. The Date Exercisable is the first vesting date of each individual option.

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