RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RIKER WILLIAM I

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [RNR]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

07/19/2006

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

President

C/O RENAISSANCERE **HOLDINGS**

(City)

LTD.,, RENAISSANCE HOUSE,

8-20 EAST BROADWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PEMBROKE HM 19, BERMUDA

(State)

(City)	(State)	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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/19/2006		Code V	Amount 13,562	or (D) D	Price \$ 48.01	(Instr. 3 and 4) 506,620	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2006		A	46,135 (2)	A	\$ 0	552,755	D	
Common Stock							75,327	I	by Partnership (3)
Common							4,668	I	by Spouse

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Stock

Common Stock	12,121	I	by Trust (4)
Common Stock	12,120	I	by Trust (5)

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar Nu Sh
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.24	07/19/2006		D	700,000	08/31/2009	08/31/2014	Common Stock	70

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
RIKER WILLIAM I					
C/O RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.,	X				
RENAISSANCE HOUSE, 8-20 EAST BROADWAY	Λ		President		
PEMBROKE HM 19. BERMUDA					

Signatures

/s/ William I.

Riker 07/20/2006

**Signature of Pate 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).

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- (1) Represents exclusively shares withheld by the Issuer in respect of payment of withholding tax liability. See "Remarks."
- (2) These shares will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on July 19, 2007.
- (3) These securities are owned and controlled by a family limited partnership for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (4) These securities are owned and controlled by a trust for the benefit of the minor children of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (5) These securities are owned and controlled by various trusts for the benefit of immediate family members of the reporting person and may be deemed to be beneficially owned be the reporting person.
- (6) These options were cancelled for value as explained under "Remarks."

Remarks:

As disclosed in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 21, 2006, on July 19, 2006 Mr. Riker entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with the Issuer providing for, among other things, (i) the forfeiture of 700,000 "premium" stock options under the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2004 Stock Option Incentive Plan, (ii) a grant of 46,135 restricted shares and (iii) an adjustment to the vesting terms of 77,500 restricted shares originally granted to Mr. Riker in 2004 scheduled to "cliff vest" on the fifth anniversary of grant, such that 50% of such shares vested on July 19, 2006 (resulting in the withholding of 13,562 shares in respect of payment of withholding tax liability), with the balance of such shares vesting ratably on the third and fourth anniversary of the original grant date.

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