

DOWNES SEAN P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DOWNES SEAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. [UVE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/05/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP and COO

1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 100

(Street)

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

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/05/2008		A		300,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 4,537,490 (2) D

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)**

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 2.31	12/05/2008		A	200,000	<u>(4)</u>	12/05/2013	Common Stock	200,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOWNES SEAN P 1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD SUITE 100 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309	X		Sr. VP and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Sean P.

Downes

12/08/2008

                      
\*\*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) The restricted shares will vest as follows: (a) 150,000 shares vest on December 5, 2009; and (b) 150,000 shares vest on December 5, 2010.

The amount of securities beneficially owned by Mr. Downes has been increased by 800,000 shares since the filing of the Company's

(2) Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2007, which shares reflect Mr. Downes's options to acquire 800,000 shares of common stock since December 31, 2007.

(3) Option was granted in connection with a Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement by and between the Company and Mr. Downes, effective as of December 5, 2008.

This option shall only be exercisable on such date or dates as the Fair Market Value (as defined in the Non-Qualified Stock Option

(4) Agreement) of the Company's Common Stock is and has been at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the exercise price for the previous twenty (20) consecutive trading days. This option becomes exercisable in five equal bi-annual installments beginning December 5, 2008.

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