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RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

**Renaissance House
8-20 East Broadway
Pembroke HM 19 Bermuda**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders
to be Held on June 9, 2005**

To the Shareholders of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.:

Notice is hereby given that our 2005 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) will be held at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute, 40 Crow Lane, Pembroke, Bermuda on June 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., Atlantic daylight savings time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect four Class I directors to serve until our 2008 Annual Meeting (the Board Nominees Proposal).
2. To appoint the firm of Ernst & Young, independent auditors, to serve as our independent auditors for the 2005 fiscal year until our 2006 Annual Meeting, and to refer the determination of the auditors remuneration to the Board (collectively, the Auditors Proposal).

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will also receive the report of our independent auditors and our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, and may also be asked to consider and take action with respect to such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders of record at the close of business on April 29, 2005 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. However, to ensure that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, you are urged to complete, sign, date and return the accompanying proxy card promptly in the enclosed postage paid envelope. Please sign the accompanying proxy card exactly as your name appears on your share certificate(s). You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote your shares in person even if you have returned a proxy.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ James N. Stanard

James N. Stanard
Chairman of the Board
April 29, 2005

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

June 9, 2005

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (RenaissanceRe) to be voted at our Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute, 40 Crow Lane, Pembroke, Bermuda on June 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., Atlantic daylight savings time, or any postponement or adjournment thereof (the Annual Meeting). This Proxy Statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting and the accompanying form of proxy are being first mailed to shareholders on or about May 2, 2005.

As of April 29, 2005, the record date for the determination of persons entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting, there were issued and outstanding: (i) 69,386,470 of our common shares, par value \$1.00 per share (the Full Voting Shares), and (ii) 1,785,100 of our Diluted Voting Class I Common Shares, par value \$1.00 per share (the Diluted Voting Shares). All of our Diluted Voting Shares are owned by PT Limited Partnership. We refer to our Full Voting Shares and our Diluted Voting Shares in this Proxy Statement collectively as the Common Shares. The Common Shares are our only class of equity securities outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. During the second quarter of 2002, RenaissanceRe effected a three-for-one stock split through a stock dividend of two additional Common Shares for each Common Share owned. All of the share and per share information provided in this Proxy Statement is presented as if the stock dividend had occurred for all periods presented.

Holders of Full Voting Shares are entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted upon by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting for each share held. Each holder of Diluted Voting Shares is entitled to a fixed voting interest in RenaissanceRe of up to 9.9% of all outstanding voting rights attached to the Common Shares, inclusive of the percentage interest in RenaissanceRe represented by Controlled Common Shares (as defined below) of the holder, but in no event greater than one vote for each share held. Each Diluted Voting Share currently carries one vote per share. With respect to any holder of Diluted Voting Shares, Controlled Common Shares means Common Shares owned directly, indirectly or constructively by such holder within the meaning of Section 958 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of holders of more than 50% of the Common Shares outstanding and entitled to vote on the matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Holders of Full Voting Shares and Diluted Voting Shares shall vote together as a single class on all matters presented for a vote by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to take the following actions:

1. To elect four Class I directors to serve until our 2008 Annual Meeting (the Board Nominees Proposal).
2. To appoint the firm of Ernst & Young, independent auditors, to serve as our independent auditors for the 2005 fiscal year until our 2006 Annual Meeting, and to refer the determination of the auditors remuneration to the Board (collectively, the Auditors Proposal).

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will also receive the report of our independent auditors and our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, and may also be asked to consider and take action with respect to such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

All of the above Proposals will be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting rights attached to the Common Shares present, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting, and entitled to vote thereon. A hand vote will be taken unless a poll is requested pursuant to the Bye-laws.

SOLICITATION AND REVOCATION

PROXIES IN THE FORM ENCLOSED ARE BEING SOLICITED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, THE BOARD. THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PROXIES BY THE BOARD. Such persons designated as proxies serve as officers of RenaissanceRe. Any shareholder desiring to appoint another person to represent him or her at the Annual Meeting may do so either by inserting such person's name in the blank space provided on the accompanying form of proxy, or by completing another form of proxy and, in either case, delivering an executed proxy to the Secretary of RenaissanceRe at the address indicated above, before the time of the Annual Meeting. It is the responsibility of the shareholder appointing such other person to represent him or her to inform such person of this appointment.

All Common Shares represented by properly executed proxies which are returned and not revoked will be voted in accordance with the instructions, if any, given thereon. If no instructions are provided in an executed proxy, it will be voted FOR each of the Proposals described herein and set forth on the accompanying form of proxy, and in accordance with the proxyholder's best judgment as to any other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. If a shareholder appoints a person other than the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to represent him or her, such person will vote the shares in respect of which he or she is appointed proxyholder in accordance with the directions of the shareholder appointing him or her. Member brokerage firms of The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the NYSE) that hold shares in street name for beneficial owners may, to the extent that such beneficial owners do not furnish voting instructions with respect to any or all proposals submitted for shareholder action, vote in their discretion upon all of the Proposals. Any broker non-votes and abstentions will not be counted as shares present in connection with proposals with respect to which they are not voted. Any shareholder who executes a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted by delivering to the Secretary of RenaissanceRe a written statement revoking such proxy, by executing and delivering a later dated proxy, or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Attendance at the Annual Meeting by a shareholder who has executed and delivered a proxy to us shall not in and of itself constitute a revocation of such proxy.

We will bear the cost of solicitation of proxies. We have engaged the firm of MacKenzie Partners to assist us in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$3,000, plus the reimbursement of certain expenses. Further solicitation may be made by our directors, officers and employees personally, by telephone, Internet or otherwise, but such persons will not be specifically compensated for such services. We may also make, through bankers, brokers or other persons, a solicitation of proxies of beneficial holders of the Common Shares. Upon request, we will reimburse brokers, dealers, banks or similar entities acting as nominees for reasonable expenses incurred in forwarding copies of the proxy materials relating to the Annual Meeting to the beneficial owners of Common Shares which such persons hold of record.

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF RENAISSANCERE

The table below sets forth the names, ages and titles of our directors, each nominee for director, and our executive officers as of the date hereof.

Name	Age	Position
James N. Stanard	56	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
William I. Riker	45	Director and President of RenaissanceRe and President and CEO of Glencoe Group Holdings Ltd.
John M. Lummis	47	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer
John D. Nichols, Jr.	45	Executive Vice President of RenaissanceRe and President of RenaissanceRe Ventures Ltd.
Kevin J. O'Donnell	38	Senior Vice President - Property Catastrophe Reinsurance of Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd.
Michael W. Cash	37	Senior Vice President - Specialty Reinsurance of Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd.
William J. Ashley	49	Chief Underwriting Officer of Glencoe Group Holdings Ltd. and President and Chief Operating Officer of Glencoe Insurance Ltd.
Thomas A. Cooper	68	Director
Edmund B. Greene	66	Director
Brian R. Hall	63	Director
Jean D. Hamilton	58	Nominee for Director
William F. Hecht	62	Director
W. James MacGinnitie	66	Director
Scott E. Pardee	68	Director
Nicholas L. Trivisonno	57	Director

James N. Stanard has served as our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since our formation in June 1993, and served as our President from inception until February 2002. Mr. Stanard is a Class II director. From 1991 through June 1993, Mr. Stanard served as Executive Vice President of USF&G and was a member of a three-person Office of the President. As Executive Vice President of USF&G, he was responsible for USF&G's underwriting, claims and ceded reinsurance. From October 1983 to 1991, Mr. Stanard was an Executive Vice President of F&G Re, Inc., USF&G's start-up reinsurance subsidiary. Mr. Stanard was one of two senior officers primarily responsible for the formation of F&G Re, where he was responsible for underwriting, pricing and marketing activities of F&G Re during its first seven years of operations. As Executive Vice President of F&G Re, Mr. Stanard was personally involved in the design of pricing procedures, contract terms and analytical underwriting tools for all types of treaty reinsurance, including both U.S. and international property catastrophe reinsurance.

William I. Riker was appointed as one of our directors in August 1998. Mr. Riker is a Class III director. Mr. Riker serves as the President of RenaissanceRe, and is President and CEO of Glencoe Group Holdings Ltd. On April 6, 2005, RenaissanceRe announced that Mr. Riker would be reducing his workload for a few months to receive treatment for a medical condition. Mr. Riker previously served as our Executive Vice President from December 1997, as our Senior Vice President from March 1995 and as our Vice President - Underwriting from November 1993. From March 1993 through October 1993, Mr. Riker served as Vice President of Applied Insurance Research, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Riker held the position of Senior Vice President, Director of Underwriting at American Royal Reinsurance Company. He was responsible for developing various analytical underwriting tools while holding various positions at American Royal from 1984 through 1993.

John M. Lummis has served as our Chief Operating Officer since September 2004, Executive Vice President since February 2001 and Chief Financial Officer since September 1997. Mr. Lummis served as Senior Vice President from September 1997 to February 2001. Mr. Lummis served as one of our directors from July 1993 to December 1997, when he resigned in connection with his appointment as an executive officer. Mr. Lummis served as Vice President - Business Development of USF&G Corporation from 1994 until August 1997 and served as Vice President and Group General Counsel of USF&G Corporation from 1991 until 1995. From 1982 until 1991, Mr. Lummis was engaged in the private practice of law with Shearman & Sterling LLP.

John D. Nichols, Jr. has served as our Executive Vice President since May 2003 and has served as President of RenaissanceRe Ventures Ltd., and in similar capacities, since February 2000. Previously, he served as our Senior Vice President - Structured Products from November 1999, Vice President - Finance from November 1997 and as our Assistant Vice President - Finance from September 1995. From August 1990 through September 1995, Mr. Nichols held various positions including Assistant Vice President, Finance and subsequently, Assistant Vice President, Claims at Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company where he was responsible for financial reporting and subsequently property claims. From September 1986 to August 1990, Mr. Nichols held various positions in finance at Monarch Capital Corporation. From June 1982 to August 1986, Mr. Nichols was a CPA with the accounting firm Matson, Driscoll and Damico LLP, specializing in audits of business interruption insurance claims for various clients.

Kevin J. O'Donnell has served as our Senior Vice President - Property Catastrophe Reinsurance since November 1999. Previously, Mr. O'Donnell served as a Vice President from February 1998 and as Assistant Vice President - Underwriting from 1996. From 1995 to 1996, Mr. O'Donnell was Vice President of Centre Financial Products Ltd. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. O'Donnell was an underwriter in SCOR US 's Alternative Markets operations.

Michael W. Cash has served as our Senior Vice President - Specialty Reinsurance since May 2002. Mr. Cash joined RenaissanceRe as Vice President of Specialty Reinsurance in December 2000. Previously, Mr. Cash served as a Principal at Stockton Reinsurance Ltd. from 1998, having joined Stockton subsequent to his employment at Centre Reinsurance in Bermuda from April 1992. Mr. Cash is an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society.

William J. Ashley has served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Glencoe Insurance Limited and Chief Underwriting Officer of Glencoe Group Holdings Ltd. since July 2003. On April 6, 2005, RenaissanceRe announced that Mr. Ashley would assume leadership of RenaissanceRe's Individual Risk business. Mr. Ashley joined Glencoe Insurance Ltd. as Senior Vice President in September 2001. From 1995 to September 2001, Mr. Ashley held various positions at Benfield Blanch (formerly E.W. Blanch) rising to the position of Executive Vice President of Strategic Operations and Risk Management, where he also managed the Catastrophe Modeling, Dynamic Financial Modeling and Actuarial Units of Benfield Blanch. From 1986 to 1995, Mr. Ashley held various positions at Vik Brothers Insurance Group most recently serving as Senior Vice President of Corporate Underwriting and Operations.

Thomas A. Cooper has served as one of our directors since August 7, 1996. Mr. Cooper is a Class II director. Mr. Cooper has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TAC Associates, a privately held investment company, since August 1993. From August 1993 until August 1996, Mr. Cooper served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Chase Federal Bank FSB. From June 1992 until July 1993, Mr. Cooper served as principal of TAC Associates. From April 1990 until May 1992, Mr. Cooper served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goldome FSB. He also serves on the Boards of The BISYS Group, Inc., Delaware North Companies and Wheeling Island Gaming.

Edmund B. Greene has served as one of our directors since our formation in June 1993. Mr. Greene is a Class I director. Mr. Greene retired as Deputy Treasurer-Insurance of General Electric Company in October 1998, where he had served since March 1995. Prior to that, Mr. Greene was Manager-Corporate Insurance Operation of General Electric Company commencing in 1985, and previously served in various financial management assignments at General Electric Company commencing in 1962.

Brian R. Hall has served as one of our directors since August 1999. Mr. Hall is a Class I director. Mr. Hall, who is President of Inter-Ocean Management Ltd., an independent company providing management and general consulting services, retired as a Director of Johnson & Higgins, and Chairman of Johnson & Higgins (Bermuda) Ltd. in July 1997. In 1969, Mr. Hall founded Inter-Ocean Management Ltd., which entered into an association with Johnson & Higgins in 1970. The business of Inter-Ocean was acquired by Johnson & Higgins in 1979, and Mr. Hall was appointed President of Johnson & Higgins (Bermuda) Ltd. He became a Director of Johnson & Higgins in 1989. Mr. Hall is a recipient of the Bermuda Insurance Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award (2000), the Chair of the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies, a former chair of the Insurance Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Bermuda Government, and in 1998 received a Queen's Honours, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire designation.

Jean D. Hamilton is nominated for election to our Board at the Annual Meeting. If elected, Ms. Hamilton will serve as a new Class I director. Ms. Hamilton is an Independent Consultant/Private Investor. Previously, she was Executive Vice President of Prudential Financial, Inc., serving as Chief Executive Officer of Prudential Institutional, from November 1998 through November 2002. From 1988 through 1998, she held various positions with Prudential Financial,

Inc., including President of the Prudential Diversified Group and President of the Prudential Capital Group. From 1971 to 1988, she held several positions with The First National Bank of Chicago, including Senior Vice President and Head of the Northeastern Corporate Banking Department. She is currently a Trustee of First Eagle Funds and First Eagle Variable Funds.

William F. Hecht has served as one of our directors since November 2001. Mr. Hecht is a Class III director. Mr. Hecht is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of PPL Corporation. He also serves as a director of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and as a manager of PPL Energy Supply, LLC, subsidiaries of PPL Corporation. He was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of PPL Corporation in 1991 and has served in his present position since 1993. Mr. Hecht is also a director of DENTSPLY International Inc. and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

W. James MacGinnitie has served as one of our directors since February 2000. Mr. MacGinnitie is a Class II director. Mr. MacGinnitie is an independent actuary and consultant. He served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CNA Financial from September 1997 to September 1999. From May 1994 until September 1997, Mr. MacGinnitie was a partner of Ernst & Young and National Director of its actuarial services. From 1975 until 1994 he was a principal in Tillinghast, primarily responsible for its property-casualty actuarial consulting services. Prior to that time, Mr. MacGinnitie was a Professor of Actuarial Science & Director of Actuarial Program at the University of Michigan from 1973 to 1975. In addition, Mr. MacGinnitie serves on the board of Trustmark Insurance Company and of NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company.

Scott E. Pardee has served as one of our directors since February 1997. Mr. Pardee is a Class I director. Mr. Pardee serves as Alan R. Holmes Professor of Monetary Economics at Middlebury College, where he has taught since January 1, 2000. Previously he served as a Senior Lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management and Executive Director of the Finance Research Center at the Sloan School from November 1997. Mr. Pardee served as Chairman of Yamaichi International (America), Inc., a financial services company, from 1989 to 1995. Mr. Pardee previously served as Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of Discount Corporation of New York, a primary dealer in U.S. government securities, and Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Manager of Foreign Operations of the Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System.

Nicholas L. Trivisonno has served as one of our directors since May 2004. Mr. Trivisonno is a Class III director. Mr. Trivisonno was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ACNielsen Corporation from January 1996 through March 2001. From September 1995 through November 1996, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. Previously, he had held several positions at GTE Corporation from November 1988 until July 1995, including Group President, Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning, Senior Vice President Finance, and Vice President and Controller. Mr. Trivisonno began his career as a certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in 1968, became a partner in 1979 and was appointed a managing partner in 1986.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS,
MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTORS**

The following table sets forth information as of April 29, 2005 with respect to the beneficial ownership of Common Shares and the applicable voting rights attached to such share ownership in accordance with the Bye-laws by (i) each person known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding Common Shares; (ii) each of our directors and nominees for director; (iii) our Chief Executive Officer, each of the four remaining most highly compensated executive officers, and one other person who was an executive officer during the fiscal year 2004 (Mr. David A. Eklund) and who would have been one of the four remaining most highly compensated executive officers but for the fact that he was not an executive officer at the end of the fiscal year 2004 (collectively, the Named Executive Officers); and (iv) all of our executive officers, directors and nominees for director as a group. The total Common Shares outstanding as of April 29, 2005 were 71,171,570.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner (1)	Number of Common Shares (2)	Percentage of Voting Rights
FMR Corp. (3) 82 Devonshire Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	6,911,832	9.7%
Wellington Management Company, LLP (4) 75 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	6,109,500	8.6%
Vanguard Windsor Funds - Vanguard Windsor Fund (5) 100 Vanguard Blvd Malvern, PA 19355	3,818,600	5.4%
James N. Stanard (6) c/o RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Renaissance House 8-12 East Broadway Pembroke HM 19 Bermuda	3,700,777	5.2%
William I. Riker (7)	1,154,996	1.6%
John M. Lummis (8)	562,871	*
John D. Nichols, Jr. (9)	444,314	*
Kevin J. O'Donnell (10)	274,530	*
David A. Eklund (11)	25,747	*
Thomas A. Cooper (12)	81,902	*
Edmund B. Greene (13)	21,266	*
Brian R. Hall (14)	64,481	*
William F. Hecht (15)	18,927	*
W. James MacGinnitie (16)	69,566	*
Scott E. Pardee (17)	50,789	*
Nicholas L. Trivisonno (18)	9,292	*
Jean D. Hamilton (19) All of our executive officers, directors and nominees for director (15 persons)	6,672,185	9.4%

*Less than 1%

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- (1) Pursuant to the regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission), shares are deemed to be beneficially owned by a person if such person directly or indirectly has or shares the power to vote or dispose of such shares whether or not such person has any pecuniary interest in such shares or the right to acquire the power to vote or dispose of such shares within 60 days, including any right to acquire through the exercise of any option, warrant or right.
- (2) Unless otherwise noted, consists solely of Full Voting Shares.
- (3) According to an amendment to a Statement on Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on February 14, 2005, a wholly owned subsidiary of FMR Corp., Fidelity Management & Research Company (Fidelity) is the beneficial owner of 6,911,832 Common Shares as a result of its serving as investment manager of institutional accounts. Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity and the Fidelity funds each has the sole power to dispose of the 6,911,832 Common Shares owned by the Fidelity funds. Neither FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the various Fidelity funds, which power resides with the Boards of Trustees of the various funds. According to this Schedule 13G/A, Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by its funds' Boards of Trustees. Members of the Edward C. Johnson 3d family are the predominant owners of Class B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing approximately 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp. Members of the Johnson family, including Edward C. Johnson 3d and Abigail P. Johnson through their ownership of voting common stock may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp. However, according to this Schedule 13G/A, no one person covered by the Schedule 13G/A has an interest in more than 5% of the total Common Shares outstanding. Based on the information provided in this Schedule 13G/A, we do not believe that FMR Corp., Edward C. Johnson 3d, Abigail P. Johnson or any Fidelity fund owns an amount of Common Shares exceeding the limitations set forth in our Bye-laws.
- (4) According to an amendment to a Statement on Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on February 14, 2005 by Wellington Management Company, LLP (WMC), WMC may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 6,109,500 Common Shares by reason of WMC's role as investment advisor or sub-advisor to investment companies and other clients who hold such shares or WMC's role as a parent holding company or control person. According to WMC's Schedule 13G/A, one of WMC's investment company clients or other clients covered by the Schedule 13G/A, Vanguard Windsor Funds, Inc., has an interest in more than 5% of the total Common Shares outstanding. Based on the information provided in this Schedule 13G/A, we do not believe that WMC or any of its clients owns an amount of Common Shares exceeding the limitations set forth in our Bye-laws.
- (5) According to an amendment to a Statement on Schedule 13G/A filed with the Commission on February 6, 2004 by Vanguard Windsor Funds, Inc. (Vanguard), Vanguard may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 3,818,600 Common Shares. Based on the information provided in this Schedule 13G/A, we do not believe that Vanguard owns an amount of Common Shares exceeding the limitations set forth in our Bye-laws.
- (6) Includes 856,713 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Second Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan), the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, and the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (collectively, the Stock Incentive Plans) that are vested and presently exercisable and 87,324 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days. Also includes 107,252 restricted Full Voting Shares which have not vested (Restricted Shares) and 190,842 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. Stanard's family; Mr. Stanard disclaims beneficial ownership of the 190,842 shares held by the limited partnership.
- (7) Includes 507,224 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Stock Incentive Plans that are vested and presently exercisable and 8,438 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days. Also includes 237,566 Restricted Shares which have not vested and 73,740 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. Riker's family and 605 shares held in a family Trust for the benefit of Mr. Riker's family.
- (8) Includes 427,394 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Stock Incentive Plans that are vested and presently exercisable and 8,438 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days. Also includes 25,939 Restricted Shares which have not vested and 42,470 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. Lummis' family.

- (9) Includes 311,093 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Stock Incentive Plans that are vested and presently exercisable and 6,310 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days. Also includes 19,018 Restricted Shares which have not vested and 99,539 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. Nichols's family.
- (10) Includes 165,841 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Stock Incentive Plans that are vested and presently exercisable and 4,678 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days. Also includes 16,235 Restricted Shares which have not vested, 48,324 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. O'Donnell's family and 162 shares held in a family trust for the benefit of Mr. O'Donnell's family.
- (11) Includes 3,613 shares held by a limited partnership for the benefit of Mr. Eklund's family. Mr. Eklund was the Executive Vice President of RenaissanceRe and President and Chief Underwriting Officer of Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd. until June 30, 2004.
- (12) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Stock Plan, as amended (the Directors Stock Plan), which have not vested, 37,500 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (13) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested and 12,000 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (14) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested, and 54,000 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (15) Includes 3,774 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested and 10,101 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and 4,000 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (16) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested, and 54,000 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (17) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested, and 36,000 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (18) Includes 5,004 Common Shares granted in payment of directors' fees under the Directors Stock Plan which have not vested, and no Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options under the Directors Stock Plan that are vested and presently exercisable and 2,189 Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options which vest within 60 days.
- (19) Ms. Hamilton is nominated for election to our Board at the Annual Meeting.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Housing and Lease Arrangements

In September 1998, we entered into a twenty-one year lease (the Lease) with respect to a house in Paget Parish, Bermuda, previously occupied by William I. Riker and currently occupied by James N. Stanard. The property which is subject to the Lease is owned by the Bellevue Trust (the Trust). Mr. Riker is a Trustee of the Trust, and holds no direct economic interest therein. Mr. Riker does hold an indirect economic interest through a personal loan provided indirectly to the Trust. Mr. Stanard did not have a direct or indirect economic interest in the Trust at the time of the execution of the Lease. We prepaid under the Lease an aggregate amount of \$2,063,874 to the Trust, representing the present value of all of the twenty-one year Lease payments. If the Lease is terminated for any reason, then we will be repaid all outstanding amounts due under the remaining term of the Lease. We believe that the terms of the Lease reasonably represented market value terms appropriate for the Bermuda residential property market at that time. Mr. Stanard and the Trust have executed an agreement for Mr. Stanard to purchase the property which is subject to the Lease, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions which have not yet been met.

RenaissanceRe reimburses the rent on the Bermuda residence of each other Named Executive Officer, which housing expense is included in the compensation paid to each such Named Executive Officer. See Executive Officer and Director Compensation-Executive Compensation. RenaissanceRe is the lessee on the Bermuda residences of each of Messrs. Lummis and Nichols, and subleases such residences to Messrs. Lummis and Nichols.

Registration Statements on Form S-8

We have filed Registration Statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act registering for sale an aggregate of 15,787,500 Full Voting Shares under our Stock Incentive Plans and the Directors Stock Plan, including the 6,000,000 shares issuable under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, of which 716,500 remain unissued. Shares remaining eligible under prior plans as of December 31, 2004 were 3,339,203.

Charitable Donations

We provide support to various charitable organizations in the Bermuda community that meet certain guidelines, including organizations which support insurance industry education and training; crime prevention; and substance abuse prevention, education and assistance. As part of our efforts, we match donations made by our officers and other employees to enumerated Bermuda charities at a ratio of 4:1 up to a maximum matching contribution for each employee of \$10,000 per year. We make direct charitable contributions, in addition to the employee matching program, as well. Certain of our officers and directors, and spouses of certain of these persons, have served as directors or trustees of some of these organizations. In the 2004 fiscal year, we did not provide more than \$1 million to any one charity. James N. Stanard is a director or trustee of The Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity-Bermuda, to which we made contributions of \$106,000 and \$75,000, respectively, in 2004. In 2004, we donated \$20,000 to the Bermuda Foundation for Insurance Studies, a charitable foundation of which Brian R. Hall is the Chair. Neither of Messrs. Stanard or Hall is compensated by these charities.

Co-investments

Certain officers of RenaissanceRe have made investments in investment funds in which RenaissanceRe also invests. None of these officers receives any compensation in connection with such investments or exercises any management discretion over any such investment fund.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; BOARD COMMITTEES

Board of Directors Meetings; Board Committee Meetings

Overview

During 2004, the Board met four times, the Audit Committee met four times, the Compensation/Governance Committee met four times, the Investment and Risk Management Committee met four times, the Transaction Committee did not meet, and the Offerings Committee met once. During 2004, each of our directors attended all meetings of the Board and any Committee on which they served.

The Board has conducted a review of the independence of each of the current directors and of Ms. Hamilton, a nominee for director at the Annual Meeting. During this review, the Board considered transactions and relationships between each director and nominee or any member of their immediate family and RenaissanceRe or its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Board also examined relationships between directors and nominees or their affiliates and members of RenaissanceRe's senior management or their affiliates. As a result of this review, the Board affirmatively determined that Messrs. Cooper, Greene, Hall, Hecht, MacGinnitie, Pardee, and Trivisonno are, and Hamilton would be, independent directors for purposes of compliance with the NYSE listing standards and Commission rules adopted to implement provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Messrs. Stanard and Riker are not considered independent directors because of their employment as senior executives of RenaissanceRe.

The independent directors meet separately from the other directors in an executive session each quarter. In 2004, the chair of such executive sessions was rotated each quarter among independent directors who were not chairs of the committees of the Board described below.

Currently RenaissanceRe does not maintain a formal policy regarding director attendance at the Annual Meeting which, to date, has always been held in Bermuda. At our 2004 Annual Meeting, other than the Chairman, no directors were in attendance.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board presently consists of Messrs. Hall, Greene, Pardee, and Trivisonno. The Board has determined that all members of the Audit Committee meet the independence standards of the NYSE. The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Hall, Greene, Pardee, and Trivisonno is an audit committee financial expert for the purposes of the Commission's rules. The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to (i) the integrity of our financial statements; (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (iii) our external independent auditor's qualifications and independence; and (iv) the

performance of our internal audit function and external independent auditors. Effective for the Audit Committee's next quarterly meeting, Mr. MacGinnitie has been appointed by the Board to serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee, a role previously filled by Mr. Hall, and Mr. Pardee will step down from the Audit Committee. The Board has determined that Mr. MacGinnitie meets the independence standards of the NYSE and would be an audit committee financial expert for the purposes of the Commission's rules.

The Audit Committee reviews and discusses our annual and quarterly financial statements, earnings press releases, and other financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies with both management and the independent auditors. The Audit Committee also reviews the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives on our financial statements with management, the internal auditor and the external independent auditor.

In addition, the Audit Committee provides an avenue for communication between our external independent auditors, financial management and the Board. The Audit Committee has the sole authority to appoint, compensate, retain and conduct oversight of the work of our external independent auditors, and to approve any significant proposed non-audit work to be conducted by these auditors. The Audit Committee is required to obtain, at least annually, a report from the external independent auditors describing the auditor's quality control procedures, issues arising from such procedures, the resolution of these issues and any relationships between the auditor and us.

The Audit Committee has adopted a written charter, which is reviewed and reassessed annually. The Audit Committee charter is available on our website at www.renre.com.

Compensation/Governance Committee

The Compensation/Governance Committee of the Board presently consists of Messrs. Cooper, Hecht, and MacGinnitie. The Compensation/Governance Committee has responsibility for senior officer and director compensation, corporate governance matters, and the nomination and evaluation of additional directors. It has the authority to establish compensation policies and programs, to administer all employee and Board stock-based compensation plans, and to approve stock options (Options), Restricted Share, performance share, and similar stock-based grants under our stock incentive and bonus plans and programs. The Board has determined that all members of the Compensation/Governance Committee meet the independence standards of the NYSE. Effective for the Compensation/Governance Committee's next quarterly meeting, Mr. Hecht has been appointed as Chairman of the Compensation/Governance Committee, a role previously filled by Mr. Cooper.

In connection with its responsibility to consider the effectiveness and composition of the Board, and to nominate candidates for election by our shareholders, the Compensation/Governance Committee will consider nominees to the Board recommended by not less than twenty shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than 10% of RenaissanceRe's outstanding paid up share capital. Any such recommendation must be sent to the Secretary of RenaissanceRe not less than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the Annual Meeting and must set forth for each nominee: (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the nominee; (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the nominee; (iii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of RenaissanceRe which are owned beneficially or of record by the nominee; and (iv) any other information relating to the nominee that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and the rules and

regulations promulgated thereunder (Proxy Filings). The written notice must also include the following information with regard to the shareholder giving the notice: (1) the name and record address of such shareholder; (2) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of RenaissanceRe which are owned beneficially or of record by such shareholder; (3) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such shareholder and each proposed nominee and any other person (including his name and address) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by such shareholder; (4) a representation that such shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice; and (v) any other information relating to such shareholder that would be required to be disclosed in a Proxy Filing. Such notice must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to be named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. The Compensation/Governance Committee may refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure.

Assuming that the shareholder suggesting a nomination follows the procedure outlined above, the Compensation/Governance Committee will evaluate those candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as for candidates submitted by Board members or by other persons. In considering whether to recommend any candidate for inclusion in the Board's slate of recommended director nominees, including candidates recommended by shareholders, the Compensation/Governance Committee would expect to apply the same criteria which they apply to their own nominations. These criteria typically include the candidate's integrity, business acumen, leadership qualities, experience in the reinsurance, insurance and risk bearing industries and other industries that RenaissanceRe may participate in, and potential conflicts of interest. The Compensation/Governance Committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. Our Board believes that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors, considered as a group, should provide a significant composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities.

The Compensation/Governance Committee has adopted a written charter, which is reviewed and reassessed annually. The Compensation/Governance Committee Charter is available on our website at www.renre.com.

Investment and Risk Management Committee

The Investment and Risk Management Committee of the Board presently consists of Messrs. MacGinnitie, Pardee and Riker. The duties and responsibilities of the Investment and Risk Management Committee, as outlined in its Charter, are to advise the Board on all of RenaissanceRe's investment and certain risk management-related matters. Among other things, the Committee oversees (i) the development and maintenance of, and compliance with, appropriate investment guidelines and objectives; (ii) the strategic asset allocations of our investment portfolio; and (iii) our corporate risk management, including the financial risk associated with the insurance and reinsurance we write. Effective for the Investment and Risk Management Committee's next quarterly meeting, Mr. Cooper has been appointed to serve as Chairman of the Committee, a role previously filled by Mr. MacGinnitie, and it is anticipated that Ms. Hamilton, a nominee for director, if elected, will be appointed to serve on the Committee. Mr. MacGinnitie will step down from the Committee.

The Investment and Risk Management Committee has adopted a written charter, which is reviewed and reassessed annually.

Transaction Committee

The Transaction Committee of the Board presently consists of Messrs. Cooper, MacGinnitie and Stanard and has the authority of the Board to consider and approve, on behalf of the full Board, certain strategic investments and other possible transactions.

Offerings Committee

The Offerings Committee of the Board presently consists of Messrs. Stanard and Riker and has the authority of the Board to consider and approve, on behalf of the full Board, transactions pursuant to RenaissanceRe's shelf registration program, including setting the terms, amount and price of any such offering.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Under the Exchange Act, our directors and executive officers, and any persons holding more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares are required to report their initial ownership of Common Shares and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the Commission. Specific filing dates for these reports have been established by the Commission, and we are required to disclose in this Proxy Statement any failure by such persons to file these reports in a timely manner during the 2004 fiscal year. Based upon our review of copies of such reports furnished to us, we believe that (except as set forth below) during the 2004 fiscal year our executive officers and directors and the holders of more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares complied with all reporting requirements of Section 16(a) under the Exchange Act.

In February 2004, Mr. Cooper transferred Full Voting Shares directly held by him to various trusts which were created for the benefit of certain immediate family members. Upon making a gift of Full Voting Shares directly held by him to the various trusts in March 2005, for which a Section 16(a) report was timely filed, Mr. Cooper discovered that he had inadvertently failed to file a Section 16(a) report for the February 2004 transfers, which were thereafter reported on March 11, 2005.

Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Ethics

The Corporate Governance Guidelines and the Code of Ethics of RenaissanceRe are available on our website at www.renre.com.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor shall such information or report be incorporated by reference into any future filing by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference in such filing.

The Audit Committee oversees RenaissanceRe's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process including the systems of internal controls. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment and oversight of the work of Ernst & Young, our independent auditors, for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited financial statements in the Annual Report with management including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

In the fourth quarter of 2004 RenaissanceRe engaged Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP (Boies Schiller) to complete a review of RenaissanceRe's business practices in light of the industry investigation by the New York Attorney General and other government authorities into a wide range of practices in the insurance and reinsurance industry. Supervision of this review was subsequently taken over by the Board of Directors, with Boies Schiller reporting directly to the independent members of the Board of Directors. The procedures to be performed in this review, as determined by the independent directors in consultation with Boies Schiller, and which included a forensic accountant, have been completed and an oral report has been delivered by Boies Schiller to the independent members of the Board of Directors. The foregoing business practice review led to the restatement of the RenaissanceRe's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 to make corrections of accounting errors associated with reinsurance ceded by RenaissanceRe. Certain of the corrections are attributable to an Aggregate Excess of Loss Reinsurance contract and an Assignment Agreement, each entered into by Renaissance Reinsurance with Inter-Ocean Reinsurance Company, Ltd. in 2001. The remaining restatement corrections are attributable to four multi-year ceded reinsurance contracts. The aggregate net effect of all the corrections is to increase 2003 net income by \$1.3 million; to decrease 2002 net income by \$21.9 million; and to increase 2001 net income by \$20.6 million. In connection with the review and the restatement, the independent members of the Board of Directors, including members of the Audit Committee, held joint and independent discussions with external counsel, accountants retained by such counsel, management, and RenaissanceRe's independent auditors regarding the matters that gave rise to the restatement.

The Audit Committee reviewed with Ernst & Young, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of our accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the Audit Committee under generally accepted auditing standards. Ernst & Young reported to the Audit Committee (i) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used; (ii) various alternative treatments within generally accepted accounting principles for policies and practices related to material items that were discussed with management, including ramifications of

the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments and the treatment preferred by Ernst & Young, if applicable; and (iii) other material written communications between the Ernst & Young and management. In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with Ernst & Young its independence from both management and RenaissanceRe and has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1.

The Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the overall scope and plans for their audit. The Audit Committee met with the independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examination, their evaluations of RenaissanceRe's internal controls, and the overall quality of our financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board (and the Board has approved) that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 for filing with the Commission. The Audit Committee, pursuant to its pre-approval policies and procedures, and the Board have also recommended, subject to shareholder approval, the selection of RenaissanceRe's independent auditors for the 2005 fiscal year.

Brian R. Hall, Chair
Edmund B. Greene
Scott E. Pardee
Nicholas L. Trivisonno

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Compensation/Governance Committee Report on Executive Compensation

Executive Compensation Policy. Our compensation policy for all of our executive officers is formulated and administered by the Compensation/Governance Committee of the Board. The components of our compensation policy include salary, annual bonus, and long-term incentives, consisting of Options and Restricted Shares. The Compensation/Governance Committee administers the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2004 Stock Option Incentive Plan (the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan) and the RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan), under which plans the Compensation/Governance Committee periodically grants Options and Restricted Shares to executive officers and other employees. The Compensation/Governance Committee also administers the Second Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan and, together with the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, the Stock Incentive Plans). All Options and Restricted Shares available for issuance under the 1993 Stock Incentive Plan have been issued as of the date hereof. Exercise prices and vesting terms of Options granted under the Stock Incentive Plans are in the sole discretion of the Compensation/Governance Committee, provided that (i) the initial exercise price of each option under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan may not be less than 150% of the fair market value of the Full Voting Shares subject to option on the date of grant and (ii) options under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan will not vest prior to the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, subject to acceleration upon a change in control of RenaissanceRe or otherwise at the discretion of the Compensation/Governance Committee. The Compensation/Governance Committee believes our Stock Incentive Plans will create strong incentives for our key employees to generate significant increases in the value of our Common Shares.

The primary goals of our compensation policy are to continue to attract and retain talented executives at our offshore location, to reward results (i.e., contribution to shareholder value, financial performance and accomplishment of agreed-upon projects) and to encourage teamwork. In addition, the Compensation/Governance Committee believes that the total compensation awarded should be concentrated in equity-based incentives to link the interests of our executives closely with the interests of our shareholders. In determining the level of executive compensation, the Compensation/Governance Committee evaluates whether the compensation awarded to an executive is competitive with compensation awarded to executives holding similar positions at selected peer companies, combined with an evaluation of the executive's performance.

We have entered into employment agreements with each of our senior executive officers, all other officers of RenaissanceRe and certain other professional employees. These employment agreements contain certain non-compete and confidentiality obligations for such officers. In addition, in light of the significant contribution of the officers to our success and the enhancement of shareholder value, the contracts also seek to ensure the continued retention of these key employees into the future, and to incentivize these employees and further align their interests with those of the shareholders by weighting significantly the compensation of such officers with equity-based incentives. The Compensation/Governance Committee reviews and approves the base salary component and cost of living allowances awarded to such executives under their respective employment agreements. The Committee may also award discretionary annual cash bonuses.

The Committee may also grant Options and/or Restricted Shares to our executive officers. Generally, Options under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plans are granted at an exercise price equal to the average closing price of the Full Voting Shares five trading days prior to the date of the grant. Options under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plans are exclusively premium options and are required to be granted at an exercise price equal to at least 150% of the fair market value of the Full Voting Shares on the date of grant. The Compensation/Governance Committee believes that such executives' beneficial ownership positions in RenaissanceRe, as a result of their respective personal investments and the Options and Restricted Shares granted to them, causes their interests to be well aligned with those of RenaissanceRe and of our shareholders. The Compensation/Governance Committee retains the discretion to make grants as it deems necessary or appropriate, and may periodically reevaluate RenaissanceRe's approach to equity compensation in order to ensure that key executives are properly incentivized to maximize shareholder value over the long term. Currently, approximately 3,156,278 Common Shares and 716,500 Common Shares remain available for grants under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, respectively.

Chief Executive Officer's Compensation. The compensation of James N. Stanard, our President and Chief Executive Officer, is determined and reviewed by the Compensation/Governance Committee, and is also governed by the terms of Mr. Stanard's employment agreement. In determining the discretionary portion of Mr. Stanard's compensation, the Compensation/Governance Committee evaluates Mr. Stanard's contributions toward creation and enhancement of shareholder value, including the achievement of agreed-upon objectives. The Compensation/Governance Committee considers subjective factors, such as Mr. Stanard's dedication and leadership abilities, as well as objective factors, such as his impact on our financial and operating performance. The Compensation/Governance Committee believes that our continuing development, our operating results, our execution of our capital plan, our success in motivating our employees, the articulation of our strategic vision and our current market position were significantly impacted by Mr. Stanard and members of his management team.

In recognition of Mr. Stanard's long term contribution to RenaissanceRe and to the enhancement of shareholder value, the Committee resolved that it would be in the best interests of RenaissanceRe and our shareholders to retain Mr. Stanard to ensure that his contribution to RenaissanceRe and our shareholders would continue.

Consistent with the Compensation/Governance Committee's general compensation philosophy for our executives, Mr. Stanard's compensation has been weighted significantly towards performance-based compensation in the form of equity awards. Upon approval by RenaissanceRe's shareholders of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and as contemplated by his new employment agreement executed in connection therewith, Mr. Stanard was granted options to purchase 2.5 million Full Voting Shares on August 31, 2004. The exercise price for 1.25 million of the options granted to Mr. Stanard is 150% of the fair market value of such shares on August 31, 2004, and the exercise price for the remaining 1.25 million is 200% of the fair market value of such shares on August 31, 2004 (in each case subject to the adjustment provisions of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan). These premium options will cliff vest on August 31, 2009, subject to acceleration upon certain events.

In connection with these option grants, RenaissanceRe entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Stanard, which agreement provides that Mr. Stanard will serve as Chief Executive Officer of RenaissanceRe until June 30, 2007, unless terminated earlier as provided therein. This employment agreement is generally structured to remove all salary, bonus and equity compensation payable to Mr. Stanard in exchange for the grant of options under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan described above. The Compensation/Governance Committee does not expect to pay Mr. Stanard any salary, bonus or additional equity compensation during the term of this employment agreement, but reserves the ability to do so if, in its discretion, such additional compensation is warranted under the circumstances. This employment agreement also provides for certain non-competition provisions. The non-competition obligation for Mr. Stanard applies until the later of (A) the second anniversary of the date of termination of Mr. Stanard's employment or June 30, 2008, whichever is earlier, and (B), to the extent that the premium options granted under the 2004 Plan are then outstanding, (i) the date of expiration or cancellation of such options, or (ii) the first anniversary following the exercise of his last remaining premium options, whichever is later.

The Board of Directors believes that the new employment agreement and these option grants to Mr. Stanard under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan are in the best interests of RenaissanceRe. In particular, these option grants provide significant incentives for Mr. Stanard to seek to maximize shareholder value, as his compensation would be almost entirely dependent upon significant growth in the value of RenaissanceRe stock. In addition, RenaissanceRe benefits significantly by extending the period during which Mr. Stanard is prohibited from competing following any termination of his employment until the date of expiration of these new options, or one year following the exercise of all of these new options, whichever is later.

During 2004, prior to approval of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Mr. Stanard was awarded under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan options to purchase 553,000 Full Voting Shares, and in connection with the granting of certain of these options, Mr. Stanard agreed to waive all bonus compensation to which he would otherwise have been entitled to be paid in 2004 in respect of RenaissanceRe's 2003 fiscal year.

The Compensation/Governance Committee believes that the performance-based compensation elements of Mr. Stanard's overall compensation, together with his beneficial ownership position in RenaissanceRe, as a result of his personal investment and the Options and Restricted Shares granted to him, cause his interests to be well aligned with the long term interests of RenaissanceRe and our shareholders.

RenaissanceRe is not a United States taxpayer, therefore, Section 162(m) of the Code (which generally disallows a tax deduction to public companies for annual compensation over \$1 million paid to the chief executive officer or any of the four other most highly compensated executive officers) does not apply to RenaissanceRe's compensation payments.

Thomas A. Cooper, Chair
William F. Hecht
W. James MacGinnitie

Performance Graph

The following graph compares cumulative return on our Common Shares including reinvestment of dividends on our Common Shares to such return for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Composite Stock Price Index and S&P's Property-Casualty Industry Group Stock Price Index, for the five-year period commencing January 1, 2000 and ending on December 31, 2004, assuming \$100 was invested on January 1, 2000. Each measurement point on the graph below represents the cumulative shareholder return as measured by the last sale price at the end of each calendar year during the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2004. As depicted in the graph below, during this period, the cumulative total return (loss) (1) on our Common Shares was 320.8%, (2) for the S&P 500 Composite Stock Price Index was (11.0)% and (3) for the S&P Property-Casualty Industry Group Stock Price Index was 77.9%.

	RNR	S&P 500	S&P P/C
12/31/1999	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
12/31/2000	\$ 197.71		