

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
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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 *
RATHGEBER JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
[ACGL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2005

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Officer of subsidiary

C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY, 55 MADISON AVENUE

(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

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 23.8
					36,428		
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005		S		100	D	\$ 45.39
					36,328		

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Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	200	D	\$ 45.38	36,128	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	300	D	\$ 45.37	35,828	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	100	D	\$ 45.36	35,728	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	200	D	\$ 45.35	35,528	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	14,678	D	\$ 45.03	20,850	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	400	D	\$ 45.02	20,450	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	4,022	D	\$ 45	16,428	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	978	D	\$ 45	15,450	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)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.8	08/02/2005		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u> 12/18/2011	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RATHGEBER JOHN F
C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY
55 MADISON AVENUE
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

Officer of subsidiary

Signatures

/s/ John F.
Rathgeber 08/03/2005

__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) Represents an employee stock option that became exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment exercisable on December 18, 2001 and the next two installments on December 18, 2003 and December 18, 2003.

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