

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
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 *
Papadopoulos Nicolas

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)

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

C/O ARCH REINSURANCE LTD.,
WESSEX HOUSE, 45 REID
STREET, 3RD FLOOR

02/23/2006

(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

HAMILTON, D0 HM 12

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 02/23/2006 | | A | | 1,500 (1) | A | (1) 34,517 |
| | | | | | | 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) | \$ 56.27 | 02/23/2006 | | A | 10,000 | <u>(2)</u> 02/23/2016 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Papadopoulo Nicolas C/O ARCH REINSURANCE LTD., WESSEX HOUSE 45 REID STREET, 3RD FLOOR HAMILTON, D0 HM 12 | | | | Officer of Subsidiary |

Signatures

/s/ Nicolas
Papadopoulo 02/27/2006
 **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 restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on February 23rd in each of 2007, 2008 and 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable in three equal installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on February 23, 2007 and the next two installments on February 23, 2008 and February 23, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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