

ACE LTD
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DOWD BRIAN EDWARD

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Dowd Brian Edward			ACE LTD [ACE]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO, Insurance-NA, ACE Group		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
436 WALNUT STREET, WA-12B			2/26/2009					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)			(State)			(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	2/26/2009		A		25510	A	(1)	108216	D	
Common Shares	2/26/2009		A		12570	A	(2)	120786	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Acquire Common Shares	\$38.51	2/26/2009		A (3)	31730	(3)	2/26/2019	Common Shares	31730	\$0 (3)	372940 (4)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted stock award pursuant to ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Stock vests as follows: 1/4 on the first anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on the second anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on the third anniversary of the date of the award and 1/4 on the fourth anniversary of the date of the award.
- (2) Restricted stock award pursuant to ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Stock vests as follows: 1/4 on the first anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on the second anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on the third anniversary of the date of the award and 1/4 on the fourth anniversary of the date of the award, subject to the satisfaction of certain performance based criteria.
- (3) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest as follows: 1/3 on the first anniversary of the date of the award, 1/3 on the second anniversary of the date of the award and 1/3 on the third anniversary of the date of the award.
- (4) Total included options from other tranches with different exercise prices, vesting dates and expiration dates.

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowd Brian Edward 436 WALNUT STREET, WA-12B PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106			CEO, Insurance-NA, ACE Group	

Signatures

/s/Lori Samson, Attorney-in-fact

3/2/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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