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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

BURVILLE John C.

(Last) (First) (Middle) c/o ACE Limited The ACE Building, 30 Woodbourne Avenue

(Street)

Hamilton HM08 BERMUDA

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACE Limited (NYSE:ACL)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

August 1999

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Actuary

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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Options to acquire	\$29.6250	11/12/98	A(3) V	30,000	(3) 11/12/08	Ordinary Shares 30,000	(3)	270,000	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Purchase pursuant to ACE Limited Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Award of restricted stock pursuant to ACE Limited 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Vesting schedule: 1/3 on 11/12/2000, 1/3 on 11/12/2001 and 1/3 on 11/12/2002.
- (3) Option award pursuant to ACE Limited 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Vesting schedule: 1/3 on 11/12/1999, 1/3 on 11/12/2000 and 1/3 on 11/12/2001.

Signed for John C. Burville pursuant to a power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission

/s/ Peter Mear

9th September 1999

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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