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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*

MEAR Peter N.

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

(Street)

Hamilton HM 08 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

September 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)

General Counsel and Secretary

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

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person



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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount (A) or (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	10/7/98	A(1) V	588	A	\$25.50		
Ordinary Shares	11/12/98	A(2) V	8,000	A	(2)		
Ordinary Shares	4/7/99	A(1) V	424	A	\$26.5094		
Ordinary Shares	9/8/99	P	4,000	A	\$21.25		
Ordinary Shares	9/8/99	P	1,000	A	\$21.125	26,896	D

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

(Form 4-07/98)

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) Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date 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 Title 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	114,000	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 Peter N. Mear pursuant to a power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission

/s/ Keith P. White

 **Signature of Reporting Person

October 1, 1999

 Date

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

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