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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)	
SMURFIT DERMOT F		ACE LTD [ACE]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
GLOUCESTER LODGE, 12 GLOUCESTER GATE, REGENT'S PARK		5/26/2005			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
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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			
Ordinary Shares	5/26/2005		A	(1)	2071.346	A	(1)	14244.878 (2)	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)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

- Stock units, representing the right to receive Ordinary Shares, granted as director fees under the ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3. Such stock units will vest on the day prior to the date of the next annual
- (1) ACE Limited shareholder meeting, assuming the reporting person is a director of ACE Limited on such date. Ordinary Shares will be issued for such stock units six months after the Director's termination from the Board or pursuant to such later deferral schedule as the director may elect.
- (2) Total includes 45.857 share units credited at various times between July 14, 2004 and April 14, 2005 to the reporting person's deferred stock account pursuant to the dividend reinvestment provisions of the Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMURFIT DERMOT F GLOUCESTER LODGE 12 GLOUCESTER GATE, REGENT'S PARK	X			

Signatures

**By: Keith White
Attorney-in-fact**

5/31/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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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ACE LIMITED

Power of Attorney

Section 16(a) Reports

The undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director and/or executive officer of ACE Limi
This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no l
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument as of the 26th day of M

/s/Thomas Neff _____
Signature

Thomas Neff _____
Typed or Printed Name

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