

**ACE LTD**  
Reported by  
**DOWD BRIAN EDWARD**

**FORM 3**  
(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
<b>Dowd Brian Edward</b>	<b>12/31/2004</b>	<b>ACE LTD [ACE]</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<b>ACE USA, 1601 CHESTNUT STREET</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chairman &amp; CEO, ACE USA /</b>	
(Street)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<b>PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103</b>		<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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>50329 (1)</b>	<b>D</b>	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(2)	<b>11/12/2007</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>10500</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(3)	<b>11/12/2008</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>15000</b>	<b>\$29.625</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(4)	<b>2/22/2011</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>16500</b>	<b>\$36.30</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(5)	<b>2/28/2012</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>50000</b>	<b>\$43.90</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary</b>			<b>Ordinary</b>				

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Shares</b>	(6)	<b>2/28/2012</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>35000</b>	<b>\$43.90</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(7)	<b>2/27/2013</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>28000</b>	<b>\$27.57</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Options to Acquire Ordinary Shares</b>	(8)	<b>2/25/2014</b>	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	<b>27000</b>	<b>\$43.56</b>	<b>D</b>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Of the total, 45,750 were received at various times pursuant to ACE Limited long-term incentive plans. Stock vests as follows: 1/4 of 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, with 15,750 vesting in February 2005, 14,375 vesting in February 2006, 10,625 vesting in February 2007 and 5,000 vesting in February 2008.
- (2) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 11/12/1997. 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.
- (3) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 11/12/1998. 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) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 02/22/2001. 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.
- (5) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 02/28/2002. Options will vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of the award.
- (6) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 02/28/2002. Options will vest on the third anniversary of the date of the award.
- (7) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 02/27/2003. 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.
- (8) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan granted on 02/25/2004. 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.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Dowd Brian Edward ACE USA, 1601 CHESTNUT STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103</b>			<b>Chairman &amp; CEO, ACE USA</b>	

**Signatures**

**Signed for Brian E. Dowd by Keith White Pursuant to a power of attorney**

**3/10/2005**

\*\* 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 5(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).

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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 Limited, does hereby appoint each of Keith P. White and Philip V. Bancroft, his or her true and lawful attorney, to execute in his or her name, place and stead, in his or her capacity as a director and/or executive officer of said company, any and all reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and any and all amendments thereto, and all other documents necessary or incidental in connection therewith, and to file or cause to be filed the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and such other exchanges and authorities as may be necessary or appropriate. Said attorneys shall each have full power and authority to do and perform, in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, each and every act requisite or necessary to be done in the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, the undersigned hereby ratifying and approving the acts of any of said attorneys.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by ACE Limited unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2004.

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Signature

Brian E. Dowd \_\_\_\_\_

Typed or Printed Name