

ACE LTD
Reported by
MEAR PETER

FORM 5
(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Insurance (Prop. & Casualty)
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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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ANNUAL 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

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

MEAR Peter N.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o ACE Limited
The ACE Building, 30 Woodbourne Ave.

(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

December 2000

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 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. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Purchase pursuant to ACE Limited Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

*Signed for Peter Mear pursuant to a
power of attorney on file with the
Securities and Exchange Commission*

By: /s/ K.P. White

2/12/2001

***Signature of Reporting Person*

Date

*** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal
Violations.*

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

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.