

ACE LTD
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FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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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)	
MEAR PETER		ACE LTD [ACE]		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) General Counsel and Secretary	
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)				
THE ACE BUILDING, 17 WOODBOURNE AVENUE	2/23/2005				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
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(City) (State) (Zip)					

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)			
Ordinary Shares	2/23/2005		A		10000	A (1)	103373.8682 (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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Acquire	\$44.48	2/23/2005		A (3)		8500		(3)	2/23/2015	Ordinary Shares	8500	\$0 (3)	199000 (4)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted stock award pursuant to ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Stock vests as follows: 1/4 on 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.
- (2) Includes 607 shares purchased on June 30, 2004, pursuant to the ACE Limited Employee Stock Purchase Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. 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) Total included options from other tranches with different exercise prices and expiration dates.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

MEAR PETER
THE ACE BUILDING, 17 WOODBOURNE AVENUE
HAMILTON, BERMUDA HM 08

General Counsel and Secretary

Signatures

Signed for Peter N. Mear by Keith White pursuant to a power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission

2/25/2005

** 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 4(b)(v).

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