

ACE LTD Reported by DOWD BRIAN EDWARD

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				* 2.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Dowd Brian I	\mathbf{A}	ACE Ltd [ACE]															
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner					
													X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
436 WALNU'	В									Vice Chairman, ACE Limited*							
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106																	
(City) (State) (Zip)												X 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																	
			2. Tran Date	Deeme Execut Date, is	d ion	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Secur (A) or D (D) (Instr. 3.	ispo	osed of Followi (Instr. 3		ing Reported Transaction(s) 3 and 4)		Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership		
					any		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Shares 5/1					010		A		5000	A	(1)		190326			D	
Common Shares 5/1				5/18/20	010		F (2)		8124	D	\$52.75		179000.79 ⁽³⁾			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 Security 3. Trans. Deemed Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. any			Trans. Code SInstr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date Expiration			ion	7. Title and Amour Securities Underlyi Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		ving Y	Derivative Security	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial		
			C	Code V	(A) (E))	Exercis	able				ares			(s) (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents a premium award pursuant to the ACE Limited 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. As disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 28, 2006, the reporting person was entitled to a premium performance award equal to 100% of the number of actual shares earned from the target award granted on February 22, 2006 if the Company's cumulative performance over the four year performance period exceeded the peer group's 75th percentile. On May 18, 2010, the Compensation Committee determined that such performance measure had been met and the premium shares were issued.
- (2) Common Shares being withheld in order to pay tax liability.
- (3) Total includes (i) 1,496.79 common shares purchased or received from dividend reinvestments at various times during 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 pursuant to the ACE Limited Employee Stock Purchase Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3, and (ii) the sale of 4,698 common shares in December 2004, which was before the reporting person became a reporting person and which was inadvertently not reflected in the total reported on the reporting person's Form 3 filed on March 10, 2005.

*and ACE Group Holdings and CEO, Insurance NA, ACE Group.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships									
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Ov	wner	Officer	Other					
Dowd Brian Edward 436 WALNUT STREET, WA-12B			,	Vice Chairman, ACE Limited*						
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106										

Signatures

/s/Lori Samson, Attorney-in-fact 5/20/2010

** 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).
- ** 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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