

ACE LTD
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FORM 5
(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

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*

Murphy Elizabeth A.

(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: ACE)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 31, 2001

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) Treasurer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

(Check applicable line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|--|---|--|
| | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| ----- Ordinary Shares | 2/22/01 | A(1) | 1,500 | A | (1) | 13,587(2) | D | |
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* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses) (Over)

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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| Options to Acquire | \$36.30 | 2/22/01 | A(3) | 5,500 | (3) | 2/22/11 | Ordinary Shares | 5,500 | (3) | 68,000(2) | D |
|--------------------|---------|---------|------|-------|-----|---------|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|---|

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted stock award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Stock vests as follows: 1/4 on first anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on second anniversary of the date of the award, 1/4 on the third anniversary of the date of the award, and 1/4 on fourth anniversary of the date of the award.
- (2) The reporting person ceased to be an executive officer of ACE Limited effective May 11, 2001. Thus the totals reported in Column 5 of Table I and Column 9 of Table II reflect the number of Ordinary Shares and Derivative Securities beneficially owned as of May 11, 2001.
- (3) Option award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Options vest as follows: 1/3 on first anniversary of the date of the award, 1/3 on second anniversary of the date of the award, and 1/3 on third anniversary of the date of the award.

Signed for Elizabeth A. Murphy pursuant to power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission

/s/ Peter Mear

2/13/2002

**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).

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