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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 this box if no longer subject of 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*										
	NEFF	Thomas	J.							
			(Middle)							
	277 Park Ave									
		(Street)								
	New York		New York							
	(City)		tate)	(Zip)						
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol										
_	ACE Limited (NYSE:ACL)									

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

4. Statement for Month/Year

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)

September 1998

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person [] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	Code	4. Securities Ac Disposed of ((Instr. 3, 4	D) and 5)		of Issuer's	Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				(A) or			(I)	
Ordinary Shares		A(1)			(1)			
Ordinary Shares	2/6/98	A(2)	356	A	(2)			
Ordinary Shares	4/17/98	A(1)	4.191	A	(1)			
Ordinary Shares	7/17/98	A(1)	4.325	A	(1)	3,492.515 (3)		
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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.

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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	Expirati (Month/I Date	ion Date Day/Year) Expira- tion	7. Title and of Underl	ying es and 4)	Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr.	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	(D) or In- direct (I)	Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial
Explanation of Responses: (1) Represents share units credited to the reporting person's deferred stock account pursuant to the dividend reinvestment provisions of the ACE Limited 1995 Outside Directors Plan (the "Plan"), which plan meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3. Reporting person has elected to defer the receipt of such share units in accordance with the terms of the Plan. (2) Represents Ordinary Shares granted as a director retainer award pursuant to the Plan. Reporting person has elected to defer the receipt of such Ordinary Shares in accordance with the terms of the Plan. (3) On February 17, 1998, the Ordinary Shares of ACE Limited split 3-for-1. Transactions prior to that date are thus reported on a pre-split basis. The total in column 5 has been adjusted, however, to give effect to the stock split and includes 1,977 Ordinary Shares awarded pursuant to the Plan and 15.515 share units representing accrued reinvested dividends on Plan shares, receipt of all of which has been deferred.												
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	a power of attorney on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission											
	/s/ Pe	eter N. N	Mear				November 12, 1998					
	*	**Signatı	ire of R	eporting Pers	son				 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.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.

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