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FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Symbol | ACE |
| SIC Code | 6331 - Fire, Marine, and Casualty Insurance |
| Industry | Insurance (Prop. & Casualty) |
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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

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|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 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) | | |
| SMURFIT DERMOT F | | | ACE LTD [ACE] | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | |
| GLOUCESTER PARK, 12 GLOUCESTER GATE, REGENT'S PARK | | | 11/13/2003 | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| LONDON NW1 4HG | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (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) | | | | Price | |
| Ordinary Shares | 11/13/2003 | | A | (1) | 28 | (1) | A | \$0.00 | 9712 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 11/13/2003 | | A | (1) | 28 | (1) | A | \$0.00 | 9740 | D | |
| Ordinary Shares | 11/13/2003 | | A | (1) | 84 | (1) | A | \$0.00 | 9824 | 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 | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents Ordinary Shares granted as board, committee meeting or chairman award pursuant to the ACE Limited 1995 Outside Directors Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMURFIT DERMOT F | | | | |

Signatures

**Signed for
Dermot F.
Smurfit by Keith**

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| GLOUCESTER PARK 12 GLOUCESTER GATE, REGENT'S PARK LONDON NW1 4HG | X | | | |
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White pursuant
to a power of
attorney on file
with the
Securities and
Exchange
Commission

11/17/2003

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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