

GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**EVEREST RE GROUP LTD [RE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/17/2009**

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

**THE GALTNEY GROUP, INC., 820 GESSNER, SUITE 1000**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**HOUSTON, TX 77024-4259**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership Beneficial (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares	02/17/2009		M	6,500 A \$ 30.625	14,866	D	
Common Shares	02/17/2009		S	6,500 D \$ 71.51	8,366	D	

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

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**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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.625	02/17/2009		M	6,500	<u>(1)</u> 04/01/2009	Common Shares	6,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR THE GALTNEY GROUP, INC. 820 GESSNER, SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77024-4259	X			

## Signatures

Sanjoy Mukherjee  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 02/18/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The options vested in three installments of 2,171 on April 1, 2000; 2,164 on April 1, 2001 and 2,165 on April 1, 2002.
- (2) In addition, the reporting person indirectly owns 54,000 Common Shares through Galtney Family Investors, Ltd.
- (3) The number of derivative securities listed in Column 9 relates to more than one stock option grant.

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