

Lyons Mark Donald
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Lyons Mark Donald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
 [ACGL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 300 PLAZA THREE, 3RD FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07311

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Shares, \$.0033 par value per share	05/09/2012		A	18,000 (1)	A	136,309 (3)	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)
Stock Appreciation Right ⁽²⁾	\$ 38.58	05/09/2012		A	18,000	⁽²⁾ 05/09/2022	Common Shares, \$\$.0033 par value per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lyons Mark Donald 300 PLAZA THREE, 3RD FLOOR JERSEY CITY, NJ 07311			Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr	

Signatures

/s/ Mark D.
Lyons
05/10/2012

**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).
- Subject to the applicable award agreement, represents restricted shares units that vest in three equal annual installments on May 9th in
- (1) each of 2013, 2014 and 2015; such award will settle in Issuer's common shares upon the termination of the Reporting Person's employment, as specifically provided in the award agreement.
 - (2) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 9, 2013 and the next two installments on May 9, 2014 and May 9, 2015, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (3) 90,750 of such amount will settle in Issuer's common shares upon the termination of the Reporting Person's employment, as specifically provided in the award agreements.

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