

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**SIMPSON WILLIAM A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**307 N MICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/13/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**CHICAGO, IL 60601**

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

(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. Code		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)
			(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or (D)	Amount			
Common Stock	04/13/2006		G	V	751	D	\$ 0	183,585	D
Common Stock	04/13/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	134,648	I By Spouse
Common Stock	04/13/2006		J <sup>(2)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	35,727	I By ESSOP
Common Stock	04/13/2006		J <sup>(3)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	42,240	I By 401-K

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMPSON WILLIAM A 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X		Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for William A. Simpson 04/13/2006

\_\_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) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 134,648 shares.
- (2) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 35,727 shares.
- (3) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 42,240 shares.

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