ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RATHGEBER JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD

(Check all applicable)

[ACGL]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2004

below)

below) Officer of subsidiary

C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY, 55 MADISON

(Street)

AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common

per share

Shares, \$.01 12/08/2004 par value

S 900

Code V Amount

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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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

RATHGEBER JOHN F C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY 55 MADISON AVENUE MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

Officer of subsidiary

Signatures

/s/ John F. 12/09/2004 Rathgeber

Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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