

TARANTO JOSEPH V
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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 *
TARANTO JOSEPH V

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EVEREST REINSURANCE
CO, 477 MARTINSVILLE ROAD

(Street)

LIBERTY
CORNER, NJ 07938-0830

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & Chief Execut. Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2006		M		150,000	A	\$ 37.875
Common Shares	01/03/2006		S		150,000	D	\$ 99.3575

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.875	01/03/2006		M	150,000	<u>(2)</u>	07/15/2008	Common Shares	150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TARANTO JOSEPH V EVEREST REINSURANCE CO 477 MARTINSVILLE ROAD LIBERTY CORNER, NJ 07938-0830	X		Chairman & Chief Execut. Off.	

Signatures

Sanjoy Mukherjee (Attorney in Fact) 01/04/2006

**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) Options exercised and shares sold in accordance with the previously approved Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan.
- (2) The options vested in five equal installments on July 15, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

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