

RENAISSANCE CAPITAL GROWTH & INCOME FUND III INC
 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 *
 CLEVELAND RUSSELL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RENAISSANCE CAPITAL GROWTH & INCOME FUND III INC [RCG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2007

8080 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, SUITE 210

(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

DALLAS, TX 75206

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Shares held by | | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2007 | | A | | 30,000 | A | \$ 180,000 | 412,770 ⁽¹⁾ | I | RENN Capital Group, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ |

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | 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 |
| CLEVELAND RUSSELL 8080 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 210 DALLAS, TX 75206 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Russell
Cleveland
12/28/2007

**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).

Reporting Person is the President, CEO and majority shareholder of RENN Capital Group, Inc., which is the owner of 43,800 shares after the current transaction, and he may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of a portion of the shares. He also may have indirect beneficial ownership of a portion of 33,503 shares owned by the Cleveland Family Limited Partnership and 335,467 shares owned by Renn Investment Limited Partnership, including a stock dividend of 3,026 shares from the Dividend Reinvestment Plan of the issuer for 2006.

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