ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

RATHGEBER JOHN F

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

[ACGL]

Director 10% Owner

Officer of subsidiary

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Other (specify Officer (give title below) below)

C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY, 55 MADISON

AVENUE

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2007

Applicable Line)

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

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

(City) (State) (Zip) 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

3. Code

(Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) (D) Price

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

Common

per share

Shares, \$.01 05/11/2007 par value

6,800 A

Code V Amount

(1) 16,704 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right (2)	\$ 71.12	05/11/2007		A	6,800	(2)	05/11/2017	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	6,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Officer of subsidiary

Signatures

/s/ John F. 05/14/2007 Rathgeber

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Represents restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on May 11th in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 11, 2008 and the next two installments on May 11, 2009 and May 11, 2010, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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