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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. [ACGL] A Lyons Mark Donald (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD (Check all applicable) **FLOOR** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10006 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 61,171 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	08/06/2012	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	18,116	\$ 26.31	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	09/22/2014	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	28,000	\$ 39	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	02/23/2016	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	20,000	\$ 56.27	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	08/02/2016	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	15,000	\$ 59.65	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	(6)	05/11/2017	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	8,350	\$ 71.12	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	(7)	05/09/2018	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	8,350	\$ 69.3	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Lyons Mark Donald ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006	Â	Â	Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr	Â	

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/s/ Mark D. 07/07/2008 Lyons

Date

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- 1,000 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest on February 23, 2009; 15,000 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest on July 31, 2009; 5,566 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest in two equal annual installments on May 11, 2009 and May 11, 2010 and 8,350 of such shares are restricted share units that vest in three equal annual installments on May 9th in each of 2009, 2010 and 2011, subject to the applicable award agreements.
- (2) The stock options became exerciable in three equal annual installments commencing on August 6, 2002, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (3) The stock options became exerciable in three equal annual installments commencing on September 22, 2004, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (4) The stock options became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on February 23, 2007, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (5) The stock options become exercisable on July 31, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (6) The stock appreciation rights became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on May 16, 2008, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (7) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 9, 2009 and the next two installments on May 9, 2010 and 2011, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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