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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BLUM RICHARD H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

RLI CORP [RLI]

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

150 ELDERSFIELDS ROAD

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004

Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

MANHASSET, NY 11030

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or		5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactiorDisposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/21/2004		A(1)	367	A	\$ 40.8	3,764.401	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		J <u>(2)</u>	273.5063	A	\$ 40.3218	5,177.3928 (3)	I	By Directors Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 20.75					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Option	\$ 22.7					02/01/2002	02/01/2011	Common Stock	464	
Stock Option	\$ 22.75					02/01/2003	02/01/2012	Common Stock	1,800	
Stock Option	\$ 27.51					02/03/2004	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,800	
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					02/02/2005	02/02/2014	Common Stock	3,600	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BLUM RICHARD H 150 ELDERSFIELDS ROAD MANHASSET, NY 11030	X						

Signatures

Richard H Blum 12/22/2004

**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) Issued pursuant to the RLI Corp. Nonemployee Directors' Stock Plan
- (3) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.

Reporting Owners 2

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(2) The securities herein were allocated to my account pursuant to the RLI Corp. Directors' Irrevocable Trust Agreement.

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