ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

Form 4

August 03, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Lyons Mark Donald

(Last) (First)

ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD

FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

NEW YORK, NY 10006

(City)

share

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. [ACGL]

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

08/02/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) Officer of Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Amount

Price

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Common

Shares, \$.01 par 08/02/2006 value per

15,000 A (1)

Code V

(A)

or

(D)

(1) 47,023 D

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.65	08/02/2006		A	30,000	<u>(2)</u>	08/02/2016	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lyons Mark Donald ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006

Officer of Subsidiary

Signatures

/s/ Mark D. 08/03/2006 Lyons

**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 on July 31, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable on July 31, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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