

ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hutchings W Preston (Last) (First) (Middle) WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 45 REID STREET (Street) HAMILTON, D0 HM 12 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. [ACGL]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP & Chief Investment Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share ⁽¹⁾	12,500	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 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) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	07/01/2005	07/01/2015		50,000	\$ 45.34	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hutchings W Preston WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR 45 REID STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM 12	Â	Â	Â SVP & Chief Investment Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ W. Preston
Hutchings

07/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Represents restricted shares which, subject to the applicable award agreement, will vest on July 1, 2010.
- (2) The stock option will become exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on July 1, 2005.

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