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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

may continue.

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MICHAEL JONATHAN E | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI] | | | ***5 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|-------|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (| (Month | /Day/Year) | Transaction | | _ | _X Director | 10% C | | |
| 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE | | | 02/15/2008 | | | | _ | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President | | | |
| | | | Ionth/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| PEORIA, | IL 61615 | | | | | | P | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative | Secur | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, or | Beneficially | Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e 2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/ | ate, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) | f (D) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2008 | | | J <u>(1)</u> | 112.071 | A | \$ 53.5374 | 143,316.9081 (2) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 63,095.287 (3) | I | By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 35,133.3753 (4) | I | By Key Employee Benefit Plan | |
| | | | | | | | | | I | By Trust | |

Common 14,177.8854 Stock (5)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y | Date Exercisable and piration Date (onth/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 | |
| Option | \$ 15.9063 | | | | | 05/06/2000 | 05/06/2009 | Common Stock | 6,290 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.7813 | | | | | 05/04/2001 | 05/04/2010 | Common Stock | 6,336 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 20.05 | | | | | 05/03/2002 | 05/03/2011 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.335 | | | | | 05/02/2003 | 05/02/2012 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.55 | | | | | 05/01/2004 | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 35.08 | | | | | 05/06/2005 | 05/06/2014 | Common Stock | 60,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 44.54 | | | | | 05/05/2006 | 05/05/2015 | Common Stock | 45,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 47.44 | | | | | 08/04/2007 | 08/04/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 50.15 | | | | | 05/04/2007 | 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 54.04 | | | | | 11/03/2007 | 11/03/2016 | Common Stock | 10,500 | |
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| Stock Option | \$ 55.41 | 02/01/2009 | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option | \$ 56.03 | 11/02/2008 | 11/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.09 | 05/03/2008 | 05/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.21 | 02/02/2008 | 02/02/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 56.67 | 08/03/2008 | 08/03/2017 | Common Stock | 10,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|
| . Programme and the same | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615 | X | | President | | | |

Signatures

JonathanEMichael 02/18/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (2) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- (7) Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing one year from grant date and each year thereafter in 20% increments.
- (1) Shares purchased through payroll deduction feature of the RLI Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (5) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (6) Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing one year from grant date and each year thereafter in 20% increments.
- (4) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (8) Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing one year from grant date and each year thereafter in 20% increments.

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