LARDNER HENRY P

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

03/03/2005

03/03/2005

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *LARDNER HENRY P | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|---|--------------|---|---------------|---|------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 307 N MICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2005 | | | | Officer (give below) | below) | r (specify | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | | |
| | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| CHICAGO, IL 60601 | | | | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - Non-D | erivative S | ecurities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of | 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deer | | ned | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of | |
| Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution | | n Date, if | Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D | | posed of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect | | |
| (Instr. 3) any | | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | and 5) | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial | | | |
| | | (Month/I | Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Following | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | (A) | Reported | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | or | Transaction(s) | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |

Amount

7,500

0

(D)

A

D

Price

5,801

74,397

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Ι

\$0

Common 03/03/2005 S 7,500 D 43,546 D Stock Common 03/03/2005 V 21,750 D \$0 21,796 D

Code V

J(1)

S

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

By 401-K

By Spouse

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | n Date, if Transactio | | nNumber Expiration Date | | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. | . 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | or Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | of | | |
| | | | | Codo V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LARDNER HENRY P 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601

Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for Peter Lardner

03/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 5,801 shares.

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