

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Lyons Mark Donald (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK, ^ NY ^ 10006 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2008 | 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) Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr | 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, \$.01 par value per share | 61,171 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 08/06/2012 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 18,116 | \$ 26.31 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 09/22/2014 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 28,000 | \$ 39 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (4) | 02/23/2016 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 20,000 | \$ 56.27 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (5) | 08/02/2016 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 15,000 | \$ 59.65 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | Â (6) | 05/11/2017 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 8,350 | \$ 71.12 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | Â (7) | 05/09/2018 | Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 8,350 | \$ 69.3 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | Other |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | | |
| Lyons Mark Donald ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, 53RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | Â | Â | Â Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr | Â | |

Signatures

/s/ Mark D.
Lyons

07/07/2008

Date

Signature of
Reporting Person

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) 1,000 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest on February 23, 2009; 15,000 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest on July 31, 2009; 5,566 of such shares are restricted and subject to vest in two equal annual installments on May 11, 2009 and May 11, 2010 and 8,350 of such shares are restricted share units that vest in three equal annual installments on May 9th in each of 2009, 2010 and 2011, subject to the applicable award agreements.
 - (2) The stock options became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on August 6, 2002, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (3) The stock options became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on September 22, 2004, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (4) The stock options became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on February 23, 2007, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (5) The stock options become exercisable on July 31, 2009, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (6) The stock appreciation rights became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on May 16, 2008, subject to the applicable award agreement.
 - (7) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 9, 2009 and the next two installments on May 9, 2010 and 2011, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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