

Hutchings W Preston
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.
 [ACGL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Chief Investment Officer

WESSEX HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 45
 REID STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)
 HAMILTON, D0 HM 12

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned 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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares \$.01 par value per share	04/20/2009		G	V 333 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 0	23,750	D	
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	05/06/2009		A	5,100 ⁽³⁾ A ⁽³⁾ 28,850		D	
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share					3,822	I	By Company ⁽¹⁾
Series A					2,500	I	By

Non-Cumulative
Preferred Shares
(non-convertible)

Company
(1)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 Appreciation Right ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 57.88	05/06/2009		A	5,100	⁽⁴⁾ 05/06/2019	Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share 5,100

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			SVP & Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

/s/ W. Preston
Hutchings
05/07/2009

**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).

- (1) The shares are held by a company which is owned by a family trust; beneficiaries of the family trust are the Reporting Person, his spouse and their minor children.
- (2) The Reporting Person contributed 333 of his directly owned shares of the Issuer to a company which is owned by a family trust; the beneficiaries of the family trust are the Reporting Person, his spouse and their minor children.
- (3) Represents restricted shares that vest in three equal annual installments on May 6th in each of 2010, 2011 and 2012, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (4) The stock appreciation right will become exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment becoming exercisable on May 6, 2010 and the next two installments on May 6, 2011 and May 6, 2012, subject to the applicable award agreement.

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