ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD.

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RATHGEBER JOHN F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH CAPITAL GROUP LTD. [ACGL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			te of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year) 2/2005				Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Officer of subsidiary				
	(Street)	nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
MORRISTO	OWN, NJ 07962							Person	fore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Fransaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005			Code V M	Amount 20,000	(D)	Price \$ 23.8	36,428	D		
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005			S	100	D	\$ 45.39	36,328	D		

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Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	200	D	\$ 45.38	36,128	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	300	D	\$ 45.37	35,828	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	100	D	\$ 45.36	35,728	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	200	D	\$ 45.35	35,528	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	14,678	D	\$ 45.03	20,850	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	400	D	\$ 45.02	20,450	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	4,022	D	\$ 45	16,428	D
Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	08/02/2005	S	978	D	\$ 45	15,450	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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.8	08/02/2005		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/18/2011	Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RATHGEBER JOHN F C/O ARCH REINSURANCE COMPANY 55 MADISON AVENUE MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

Officer of subsidiary

Signatures

/s/ John F. 08/03/2005 Rathgeber

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Represents an employee stock option that became exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment exercisable on December 18, 2001 and the next two installments on December 18, 2003 and December 18, 2003.

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