

Lyons Mark Donald
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Lyons Mark Donald

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)
 300 PLAZA THREE, 3RD FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07311

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 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 Shares, \$.0033 par value per share	02/16/2012		M	25,750 A	\$ 8.77 144,059 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Shares, \$.0033 par value per share	02/16/2012		S	25,750 D	\$ 37.7369 118,309 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾	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. 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.77	02/16/2012		M	25,750	<u>(2)</u> 08/06/2012	Common Shares, \$0.033 par value per share	25,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lyons Mark Donald 300 PLAZA THREE, 3RD FLOOR JERSEY CITY, NJ 07311			Chairman & CEO Arch Insur Gr	

Signatures

/s/ Mark D.
Lyons
Date: 02/17/2012

**Signature of 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) 90,750 of such amount will settle in Issuer's common shares upon the termination of the Reporting Person's employment, as specifically provided in the award agreements.
- (2) The stock option became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing on August 6, 2002, subject to the applicable award agreement.
- (3) Represents a weighted average sale price; the sales prices range from \$37.50 to \$37.995. Upon request, the full sale information regarding the number of shares sold at each price increment will be provided to the Commission or to a security holder of the issuer.

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