GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR
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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 *
GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE GALTNEY GROUP, INC., 820 GESSNER, SUITE 1000

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77024-4259

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
EVEREST RE GROUP LTD [RE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	02/17/2009		M		6,500	A	$ 30.625	14,866	D	
Common Shares	02/17/2009		S		6,500	D	$ 71.51	8,366	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 D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$ 30.625	02/17/2009		M			6,500	(1)	04/01/2009	Common Shares	6,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALTNEY WILLIAM F JR THE GALTNEY GROUP, INC. 820 GESSNER, SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77024-4259	X			

Signatures

Sanjoy Mukherjee (Attorney-in-Fact)	02/18/2009
**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 options vested in three installments of 2,171 on April 1, 2000; 2,164 on April 1, 2001 and 2,165 on April 1, 2002.

(2) In addition, the reporting person indirectly owns 54,000 Common Shares through Galtney Family Investors, Ltd.

(3) The number of derivative securities listed in Column 9 relates to more than one stock option grant.

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