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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MICHAEL JONATHAN E		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLI CORP [RLI]				ling	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 9025 N. L	(First) INDBERGH DRI	(Middle) VE		/Day/Year)	Transaction	1		X Director X Officer (given below)	10	% Owner her (specify	
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PEORIA,	IL 61615							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Nor	-Derivativ	e Secu	rities Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day	Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	d of (D)	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 Stock	09/19/2008			M	59,999	A	\$ 20.05	203,561.9181	D (1)		
Common Stock	09/19/2008			F	34,748	D	\$ 65.75	168,813.9181	D (1)		
Common Stock								14,320.1725	I	By Trust (1)	
Common Stock								63,729.15	I	By Empl. Stock Ownership Plan (2)	

35,487.2952

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Common
Stock

By Key Employee Benefit Plan (1)

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities ired (A) sposed of : 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option	\$ 20.05	09/19/2008		M		59,999	05/03/2002	05/03/2011	Common Stock	59,999
Stock Option	\$ 54.36						08/01/2009(3)	08/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.03						11/02/2008(3)	11/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 56.09						05/03/2008(3)	05/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.04						11/03/2007(3)	11/03/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 47.44						08/04/2007(3)	08/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 29.335						05/02/2003	05/02/2012	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 55.41						02/01/2009(3)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 44.54						05/05/2006	05/05/2015	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option	\$ 50						05/01/2009(3)	05/01/2018	Common Stock	10,500

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Stock Option	\$ 56.21	02/02/2008(3)	02/02/2017	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 29.55	05/01/2004	05/01/2013	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.7813	05/04/2001	05/04/2010	Common Stock	6,336
Stock Option	\$ 50.15	05/04/2007(3)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	10,500
Stock Option	\$ 35.08	05/06/2005	05/06/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.9063	05/06/2000	05/06/2009	Common Stock	6,290
Stock Option	\$ 56.67	08/03/2008(3)	08/03/2017	Common Stock	10,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MICHAEL JONATHAN E 9025 N. LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA, IL 61615	X		President			

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan E.
Michael

**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) Ownership reflects dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Ownership reflects shares allocated to ESOP participant's account and dividend reinvestment.
- Pursuant to option schedule wherein 20% of the aggregate number of shares granted may be exercised commencing one year from grant date and each year thereafter in 20% increments.

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