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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement EVEREST RE GROUP LTD [RE] Phelan John P (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 275 GLEN MANOR DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X_ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _ Other Person TORONTO, A6Â M4E2Y4 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Shares (1) 1,657 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | of (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | |

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Phelan John P

ÂΧ 275 GLEN MANOR DRIVE TORONTO, A6Â M4E2Y4

Signatures

/S/ John P. 06/02/2011 Phelan

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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The Common Shares are Restricted Common Shares awarded under the Company's 2009 Non-Employee Director Incentive Plan. The (1) Restricted Common Shares will vest on May 18, 2012 (553 shares), May 18, 2013 (552 shares) and May 18, 2014 (552 shares). These Restricted Common Shares do not have dividend or voting rights until the shares vest. Power of Attorney is attached as exhibit 24

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