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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

Common

Stock

08/21/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NARD CHRISTOPHER S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 307 NORT: AVENUE,	(First) H MICHIGAN STE 2300	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2006					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
CHICAGO	, IL 60601							_X_ Form filed by N Form filed by N Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Stock	08/21/2006			J <u>(1)</u>	0	A	\$ 0	8,183	I	By ESOP	
Common Stock	08/21/2006			M	21,938	A	\$ 9.51	22,938	D		
Common Stock	08/21/2006			S	8,700	D	\$ 21.33	14,238	D		
Common Stock	08/21/2006			S	7,700	D	\$ 21.34	6,538	D		
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3,300

3,238

D

S

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Common \$ 1,000 08/21/2006 2.238 D Stock

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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 orDerivative 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
Employee Stock Option	\$ 9.51	08/21/2006		M		21,938	03/15/1997	12/31/2006	Common Stock	21,938

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NARD CHRISTOPHER S 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601

Sr. V.P. - Mortgage Guaranty

Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for Christopher S. 08/22/2006 Nard

> **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) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 8,183 shares.

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