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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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] Howie Craig (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 477 MARTINSVILLE ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) LIBERTY Form filed by More than One CORNER, NJÂ 07938 Reporting Person (State) (City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 2. Amount of Securities

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â

Common Shares (1)

7,342

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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)			3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Howie Craig

477 MARTINSVILLE ROAD Â Â Â CFO Â

LIBERTY CORNER, NJÂ 07938

Signatures

/S/ Craig Howie 05/16/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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The Common Shares are Restricted Common Shares granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. The Restricted Shares will vest on May 9, 2013 (1,468 shares); May 9, 2014 (1,468 shares); May 9, 2015 (1,469 shares); May 9, 2016 (1,468 shares) and May 9, 2017 (1,469 shares).

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