

RLI CORP  
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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 \*  
**VIETS ROBERT O**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RLI CORP [RLI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**401 WATER STREET, UNIT 404**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/26/2008**

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

**PEORIA, IL 61602**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Common Stock	09/26/2008		M	3,600 A	\$ 22.7 33,651.96	D	(1) (2)
Common Stock	09/26/2008		F	1,279 D	\$ 63.92 32,372.96	D	(1) (2)
Common Stock					4,340.1985	I	Rov Ira Rollover (1)
Common Stock					34,342.1564	I	By Trust (1)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 22.7	09/26/2008		M	3,600	02/01/2001 02/01/2011	Common Stock	3,600
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					02/02/2004 02/02/2014	Common Stock	3,600
Stock Option	\$ 27.51					02/03/2003 02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,800
Stock Option	\$ 22.75					02/01/2003 02/01/2012	Common Stock	1,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VIETS ROBERT O 401 WATER STREET UNIT 404 PEORIA, IL 61602	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Robert O.  
Viets

09/29/2008

\*\*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) Transaction represents exercise of stock options.

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