OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BOONE CHARLES S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/26/2006

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Issuer

Sr. V.P. / Treasurer

307 N MICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300 (Street)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CHICAGO, IL 60601

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4,

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Expire Exercisable Date

Expiration Title

Amount or Number

of Share:

Employee

Stock \$ 21.48 05/26/2006 A 13,500 Option 12/31/2006 12/31/2015 Common Stock 13,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOONE CHARLES S 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601

Sr. V.P. / Treasurer

Signatures

Charles S. 05/26/2006 Boone

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) These shares vest, effective December 31, 2006 at the rate of 10% the first year, 15% the second year, 20% the third year, 25% the fourth year and 30% the fifth year.

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