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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SIMPSON WILLIAM A			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 N MICHI	(First) (Middle) ICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owned Deficer (give title below) Other (special below)			
(Street) CHICAGO, IL 60601			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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
	Common Stock	01/02/2009		J <u>(1)</u>	0	A	\$0	233,840	D		
	Common Stock	01/02/2009		J <u>(2)</u>	0	A	\$0	134,648	I	By Spouse	
	Common Stock	01/20/2009		J <u>(3)</u>	0	A	\$0	40,792	I	By IRA	
	Common Stock	01/02/2009		J(4) V	30,431	D	\$0	0	I	By RMIC 401K	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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						Exercisable Date		Number			
								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Other

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

SIMPSON WILLIAM A 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601

X

Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for William A. Simpson

01/22/2009

**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 direct ownership of 233,840 shares.
- (2) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 134,648 shares.
- (3) Transfer in-kind to an IRA following retirement.
- (4) Required liquidation following retirement when this account was transferred to an IRA.

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