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FORM 4

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

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

MUELLER KARL W

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE 04/16/2009

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Director

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

X_ Officer (give title

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

below)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

Sr. V.P. & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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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.

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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 Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title Amount

or Number of Shares

15,000

Employee

Stock \$ 10.48 04/16/2009(1) 04/16/2009(1) A 15,000 (2) 12/31/2009 03/25/2019 Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MUELLER KARL W

307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

Sr. V.P. & CFO

CHICAGO, IL 60601

Signatures

Karl W. Mueller 04/16/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Date of notification to the optionee.

These shares vest and become exercisable, effective December 31, 2009, 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. However, if an optionee dies, becomes disabled, retires after attaining age 57 or a change in control of the company occurs, the options vest immediately to the extent of the higher of 10% of the award for each year the optionee has been an employee or the actual vested percentage of the award plus 50% of the remaining unvested amount.

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