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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

401 WATER STREET, UNIT 404

(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61602

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 (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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