

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 NARD CHRISTOPHER S

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) (First) (Middle)  
 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, STE 2300  
 (Street)  
 CHICAGO, IL 60601  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/27/2008  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr.VP - Mortgage Guaranty Ins.  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.95	03/27/2008	A		100,000 <u>(1)</u>		12/31/2008	03/19/2018	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NARD CHRISTOPHER S 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601			Sr.VP - Mortgage Guaranty Ins.	

## Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for Christopher S. Nard  
 03/31/2008  
 \*\*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) These shares vest and become exercisable, effective December 31, 2008, 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 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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