LEROY SPENCER III

Form 4

March 19, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

LEROY SPENCER III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

OLD REPUBLIC

INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]

(Month/Day/Year)

307 N MICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300 03/16/2007

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

Sr. VP and General Counsel

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)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (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.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (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 Expire Exercisable Date

Expiration Title

Amount or

Number of Shares

Employee

Stock \$ 21.77 Option

03/16/2007

A 72,000

12/31/2007 12/31/2016

Common Stock 72,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director

10% Owner Officer

Other

LEROY SPENCER III 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601

Sr. VP and General Counsel

Signatures

Spencer LeRoy

03/16/2007

**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, effective December 31, 2007, 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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