

Smiddy Craig R
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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 *
Smiddy Craig R

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, SUITE 2300
(Street)
CHICAGO, IL 60601
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2018
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec.VP/CEO OR General Ins.Cos.
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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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 or Number of Shares
2018 Employee Stock Option	\$ 20.98	03/15/2018 ⁽¹⁾	A		50,000 ⁽²⁾		12/31/2018	02/20/2028	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smiddy Craig R 307 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE SUITE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601			Exec.VP/CEO OR General Ins.Cos.	

Signatures

William J. Dasso, Power of Attorney for Craig R. Smiddy
 Date: 03/16/2018

__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) Date of notice to the optionee.

These shares vest and become exercisable each December 31 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. Also, vesting shall accelerate if the optionee dies, becomes disabled, retires or a change of control of the company occurs. For those optionees over age 65 and who have been employees for 10 years or more by the company on the date of grant, 100% of the option shares vest immediately.

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