

Ross Michael D
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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 *
Ross Michael D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2009

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

Sr. Executive Vice President

P. O. BOX 709

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TUPELO, MS 38802

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock (Restricted) | 01/16/2009 | | A | | 2,500 | D | \$ 17.63 |
| Common Stock (Restricted) | 01/16/2009 | | A | | 2,500 | D | \$ 17.03 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,500 | D | |

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 Acquired (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 (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.03 | 01/16/2009 | | A | 7,500 | (3) 01/01/2019 | Common | 7,500 |
| Phantom Stock | (4) | | | | | (4) (4) | Common | 254.66 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.63 | | | | | (3) 01/01/2018 | Common | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ross Michael D P. O. BOX 709 TUPELO, MS 38802 | | | Sr. Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Michael Ross 01/21/2009

**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) This is the adjustment to the target amount of the 2008 performance based restricted stock previously reported.

(2)

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This is the target amount of a performance based restricted stock grant available if certain criteria is met. Any adjustments to the target award will be reported at the time of the actual determination of performance as compared to the applicable threshold, target and maximum performance objectives. In no event, however, will the number of shares awarded exceed 150% of the number of shares of the target award. The share price will be determined at the close of business on the end of the performance cycle.

- (3) Beginning with the issue date, equal installments of 33 1/3 of the option shares granted will be available for exercise upon completion of one, two and three years of service measured from date of grant, respectively. The options expire ten (10) years from the grant date.

- (4) The phantom stock units are accrued under the Renasant DSU Plan. The units are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's retirement or upon approved hardship reasons. The conversion price is one phantom stock unit for one share of the Company's common stock. Dividends are paid quarterly and reinvested on the phantom stock.

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