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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)
12/20/2010

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 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	12/20/2010		J ⁽²⁾	V 17,974 D	\$ 51.77 11,199.4378	D ⁽¹⁾	R.O.Viets 2010 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 12/06/10
Common Stock	12/20/2010		J ⁽²⁾	V 17,974 A	\$ 51.77 17,974	I	By Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					36,188.6806	I	
					12,059.859	I	

Common
Stock

R.O. Viets
2009
Grantor
Retained
Annuity
Trust dtd
11/24/09

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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 40.39					Date Exercisable: 02/02/2004 Expiration Date: 02/02/2014	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,600

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
12/21/2010

**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) Shares transferred from the Robert O. Viets Revocable Trust to the R.O.Viets 2010 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 12/06/10

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