

THORNTON JOHN T  
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 \*  
THORNTON JOHN T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
XL CAPITAL LTD [XL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
157 WAPOOS TRAIL  
(Street)  
CHATHAM, MA 02633

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/06/2005

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

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

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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 Following 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)	Price			
				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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I)
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Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Equity Units	\$ 25	12/06/2005					P		8,000		12/06/2005	02/15/2009	Class A Common Shares	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON JOHN T 157 WAPOOS TRAIL CHATHAM, MA 02633	X			

## Signatures

Sarah Fox, Attorney-in-fact for John T. Thornton	12/08/2005
**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) Each purchase contract is part of an Equity Security Unit acquired for \$25 per Unit. Each Unit consists of (i) a contract to purchase Class A common shares and (ii) a 2.5% ownership interest in a senior note of the issuer with a principal amount of \$1,000. Each purchase contract obligates the holder to purchase (and the issuer to sell), on February 15, 2009 for \$25, between 0.3102 and 0.3846 Class A common shares, depending on the market value of the shares ("settlement rate"). Subject to certain conditions, a holder may settle a purchase contract for cash at any time before the thirtieth business day prior to February 15, 2009 in exchange for 0.3102 Class A common shares per purchase contract. The issuer may, under certain circumstances, fix the settlement rate prior to February 15, 2009.

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