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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)

R.O.C. TAIWAN FUND

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

749651105  
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(CUSIP Number)

Andrew Pegge  
Laxey Partners Limited  
Stanley House  
7-9 Market Hill  
Douglas  
Isle of Man IM1 2BF  
011 44 1624 629365

Jeffrey S. Hoffman  
Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP  
The Chrysler Building  
405 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10174  
(212) 891-9260

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices  
and Communications)

November 5, 2003  
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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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SCHEDULE 13D

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CUSIP No. 749651105  
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1) Name of Reporting Persons  
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)

THE VALUE CATALYST FUND LIMITED  
NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

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2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [X]  
(See Instructions) (b) [ ]  
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3) SEC Use Only  
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4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]  
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6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
CAYMAN ISLANDS  
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7) Sole Voting Power  
0  
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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With  
8) Shared Voting Power  
974,840 SHARES  
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9) Sole Dispositive Power  
0  
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10) Shared Dispositive Power  
974,840 SHARES  
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11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
974,840 SHARES  
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 12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
 (See Instructions) [ ]

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 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
 3.0%

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 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
 IV\*

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 1) Name of Reporting Persons  
 I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)  
  
 LP VALUE LIMITED  
 NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

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 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [X]  
 (See Instructions) (b) [ ]

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 3) SEC Use Only

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 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
 Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

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 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

	7)	Sole Voting Power	
		0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8)	Shared Voting Power	
		968,600 SHARES	
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	
		0	
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	
		968,600 SHARES	

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 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
 968,600 SHARES

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 12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares

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(See Instructions)

[ ]

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 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
 3.0%

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 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
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 1) Name of Reporting Persons  
 I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)  
  
 LAXEY UNIVERSAL VALUE, LP  
 NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

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 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [X]  
 (See Instructions) (b) [ ]

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 3) SEC Use Only

-----  
 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
 Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

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 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
 DELAWARE

	7)	Sole Voting Power	
		0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8)	Shared Voting Power	
		965,000 SHARES	
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	
		0	
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	
		965,000 SHARES	

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 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
 965,000 SHARES

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 12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
 (See Instructions) [ ]

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 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
 3.0%

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 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
 PN\*

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 1) Name of Reporting Persons  
 I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)  
  
 LAXEY INVESTORS, L.P.  
 NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

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 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a)  [X]  
 (See Instructions) (b)  [ ]

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 3) SEC Use Only

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 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
 Items 2(d) or 2(e)  [ ]

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 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
 DELAWARE

	7)	Sole Voting Power
		0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8)	Shared Voting Power
		779,216 SHARES
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power
		0
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power
		779,216 SHARES

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 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
 779,216 SHARES

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 12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
 (See Instructions)  [ ]

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13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
2.4%

14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN\*

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1) Name of Reporting Persons  
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)

LAXEY INVESTORS LIMITED  
NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a)  [X]  
(See Instructions) (b)  [ ]

3) SEC Use Only

4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)  [ ]

6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
DELAWARE

	7)	Sole Voting Power	
		0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8)	Shared Voting Power	
		693,200 SHARES	
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	
		0	
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	
		693,200 SHARES	

11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
693,200 SHARES

12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)  [ ]

13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
2.1%

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14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1) Name of Reporting Persons  
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)

LAXEY PARTNERS LIMITED  
NO I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a)  [X]  
(See Instructions) (b)  [ ]

3) SEC Use Only

4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
N/A

5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)  [ ]

6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
ISLE OF MAN

	7) Sole Voting Power	
	0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8) Shared Voting Power	
	5,334,856 SHARES	
	9) Sole Dispositive Power	
	0	
	10) Shared Dispositive Power	
	5,334,856 SHARES	

11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
5,334,856 SHARES

12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)  [ ]

13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
16.3%

14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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- 1) Name of Reporting Persons  
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)  
  
COLIN KINGSNORTH
- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a)  [X]  
(See Instructions) (b)  [ ]
- 3) SEC Use Only
- 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
N/A
- 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)  [ ]
- 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
BRITISH
- |  |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
|  | 7) Sole Voting Power         |  |
|  | 0                            |  |
| Number of<br>Shares<br>Beneficially<br>Owned by<br>Each<br>Reporting<br>Person<br>With | 8) Shared Voting Power       |  |
|  | 5,334,856 SHARES             |  |
|  | 9) Sole Dispositive Power    |  |
|  | 0                            |  |
|  | 10) Shared Dispositive Power |  |
|  | 5,334,856 SHARES             |  |
- 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
5,334,856 SHARES
- 12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)  [ ]
- 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
16.3%
- 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
  
IN



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1) Name of Reporting Persons  
 I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons (entities only)  
  
 ANDREW PEGGE  
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2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [X]  
 (See Instructions) (b) [ ]  
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3) SEC Use Only  
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4) Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
 N/A  
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5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to  
 Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]  
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6) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
 BRITISH  
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	7) Sole Voting Power	
	0	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	8) Shared Voting Power	
	5,334,856 SHARES	
	9) Sole Dispositive Power	
	0	
	10) Shared Dispositive Power	
	5,334,856 SHARES	

11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
 5,334,856 SHARES  
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12) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
 (See Instructions) [ ]  
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13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
 16.3%  
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14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
  
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This Amendment No. 3 to the Statement on Schedule 13D amends Items 3 and 5 of the Statement on Schedule 13D originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 13, 2003 and amended by Amendment No. 1 on January 27, 2003 and Amendment No. 2 on July 18, 2003 by the Reporting Persons with respect to the shares of Common Stock of the ROC Taiwan Fund (the "Trust").

### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

The funds used to purchase the shares of Common Stock described in this statement were acquired through open market purchases and were derived from Catalyst's, LPV's, LUV's, LILP's, LIL's and Laxey's investment capital and funds provided by one or more discretionary accounts managed for unaffiliated third parties (the "Accounts"). The aggregate amount of the funds used to purchase all of the shares purchased by Catalyst, LPV, LUV, LILP, LIL, the Accounts and Laxey is \$3,684,895.20, \$3,564,448.00, \$3,636,000.00, \$2,940,492.80, \$3,230,956.00, \$3,551,700.00 and \$3,460.00, respectively.

### Item 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Items 5(a) and 5(b) below are hereby amended and restated in their entirety and Item 5(c) is hereby amended to supplement the original Item 5(c) as follows:

- (a) As of the date hereof, Catalyst, together with Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge, are the beneficial owners of 974,840 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 3.0% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock of the Trust. As of the date hereof, LPV, together with Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge, are the beneficial owners of 968,600 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 3.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Common Stock. As of the date hereof, LUV, together with Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge are the beneficial owners of 965,000 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 3.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Common Stock. As of the date hereof, LILP, together with Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge are the beneficial owners of 779,216 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 2.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Common Stock. As of the date hereof, LIL, together with Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge are the beneficial owners of 693,200 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 2.1% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge are the beneficial owners, through Laxey's discretionary authority over the Accounts, of the 953,000 shares of Common Stock held in the Accounts, which represents approximately 2.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Common Stock. The Accounts are terminable at any time by the respective third parties, for which the Accounts are held, upon providing written notice to Laxey. As of the date hereof, Laxey together with Kingsnorth and Pegge are the beneficial owners of 1,000 shares of Common Stock, which represents less than 1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Accordingly, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge are, as of the date hereof, beneficial owners of an aggregate of 5,334,856 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 16.3% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding. No other person identified in Item 2 beneficially owns any shares of Common Stock.

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(b) As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with Catalyst the power to vote and dispose of 974,840 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with LPV the power to vote and dispose of 968,600 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with LUV, the power to vote and dispose of 965,000 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with LILP the power to vote and dispose of 779,216 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with LIL the power to vote and dispose of 693,200 shares of Common Stock. As of the date hereof, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the 953,000 shares of Common Stock held in the Accounts. As of the date hereof, Kingsnorth and Pegge share with Laxey the power to vote and dispose of 1,000 shares of Common Stock. Accordingly, Laxey, Kingsnorth and Pegge, as of the date hereof, have voting power and dispositive power over an aggregate of 5,334,856 shares of Common Stock, constituting approximately 16.3% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding. No other person identified in Item 2 shares the power to vote or dispose of any shares of Common Stock. The information contained in Item 2 relating to the persons identified in this Item 5(b) is incorporated by reference.

In the past 60 days, the following open market purchases of Common Stock have been made by LIL:

DATE OF PURCHASE	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BOUGHT	PRICE PAID/SHARE
11/05/03	63,200	\$4.73
11/06/03	630,000	\$4.654

No separate transactions were undertaken by Catalyst, LPV, LUV, LILP, Laxey, Kingsnorth, Pegge or the Accounts during the above time period.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the undersigned hereby certify that the information set forth in this Amendment No. 3 to Statement on Schedule 13D is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 13, 2003

THE VALUE CATALYST FUND LIMITED

By: /s/ Elizabeth Tansell

Name: Elizabeth Tansell  
Title: Director

LP VALUE LIMITED

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By: /s/ Chris Bruce

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Name: Chris Bruce  
Title: Director

LAXEY UNIVERSAL VALUE LP

By: Laxey Partners GP(2) Limited, its General  
Partner

By: /s/ Chris Bruce

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Name: Chris Bruce  
Title: Director

LAXEY INVESTORS, L.P.

By: Laxey Partners (GP) Limited, its General  
Partner

By: /s/ Chris Bruce

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Name: Chris Bruce  
Title: Director

LAXEY INVESTORS LIMITED

By: /s/ Elizabeth Tansell

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Name: Elizabeth Tansell  
Title: Director

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LAXEY PARTNERS LIMITED

By: /s/ Chris Bruce

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Name: Chris Bruce  
Title: Director

/s/ Colin Kingsnorth

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Colin Kingsnorth

/s/ Andrew Pegge

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Andrew Pegge