OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP Form S-8 POS December 03, 2008

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on December 3, 2008

Registration No. 333 -\_\_\_\_

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

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POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

to

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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### OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 36-2678171 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 307 North Michigan Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60601

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

### OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES SAVINGS

AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

A.C. Zucaro

Old Republic International Corporation

307 North Michigan Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60601

(Name and address of agent for service)

(312) 346-8100)

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

copy to:

Spencer LeRoy

Old Republic International Corporation

307 North Michigan Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60601

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 is being filed for the purpose of filing a copy of the amended and restated Old Republic International Corporation Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan as an exhibit.

#### **PART II**

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

### Item 8. EXHIBITS

- 4 Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures
- (a) \*Article FOURTH of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Old Republic International Corporation. (Filed as part of Exhibit 3(A) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2004).
- (b) \*Amended and Restated Rights Agreement dated as of November 19, 2007 between Old Republic International Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Form 8-A filed November 19, 2007).
- (c) \*Agreement to furnish certain long term debt instruments to the Securities & Exchange Commission upon request (Exhibit 4(D) on Form 8 dated August 28, 1987).
- 5(a) \*\*Opinion of William J. Dasso as to the validity of the securities being registered.
- Old Republic International Corporation Employees Savings and Stock Ownership Plan, effective January 1, 2008 (constituting a restatement of the Employees Savings and Stock Ownership Plan previously filed).
- 23(a) \*\*Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, with respect to Old Republic International Corporation.
- 23(b) \*\*Consent of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., independent registered public accounting firm, with respect to the Old Republic International Corporation Employees Savings and Stock Ownership Plan.
- 23(c) \*\*Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, with respect to the Old Republic International Corporation Employees Savings and Stock Ownership Plan.
- 23(d) \*\*Consent of William J. Dasso (included as part of Exhibit 5).
- \*\*Powers of Attorney (included on signature page of Form S-8 filed December 3, 2007)
- \*Consolidated Schedule P (Exhibit 28 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2007).

<ul> <li>Exhibit incorporated herein by ref</li> </ul>	ference.
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\*\* Previously filed.

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The Registrant has submitted the Plan to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and undertakes to submit any amendment thereto to the IRS in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify the Plan.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Chicago and State of Illinois on the 3rd day of December, 2008.

### OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By /s/ A. C. Zucaro
A. C. Zucaro, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on December 3, 2007.

Name Position

/s/ A. C. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Director (Principal

Zucaro Executive Officer)

Aldo C. Zucaro

/s/ Karl W. Mueller Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Karl W. Mueller (Principal Financial Officer)

Director

Harrington Bischof

\* Director

Jimmy A. Dew

\* Director

John M. Dixon

\* Director

Leo E. Knight, Jr.

\* Director

John W. Popp

Director

William A. Simpson

\* Director

Arnold L. Steiner

\* Director

Fredricka Taubitz

\* Director

Charles F. Titterton

Director

Dennis P. Van Mieghem

\* Director

Steven R. Walker

\*By: /s/ A. C. Zucaro

A. C. Zucaro

Attorney-in-Fact

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the members of the Administration Committee have duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois on December 3, 2008.

# OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

By /s/ A. C. Zucaro
A. C. Zucaro,
Member of the Administration Committee

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