CIT GROUP INC Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PEEK JEFFREY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

07/19/2006

(Check all applicable)

C/O CIT GROUP INC., 1 CIT

(First)

(State)

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

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Instr. 4)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

DRIVE, #3213-1

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Middle)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number

of Share

Option

Buy)

(Right to \$47.28 07/19/2006

A 96,000

07/19/2007(1) 07/19/2013

Common Stock

96,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PEEK JEFFREY M C/O CIT GROUP INC. 1 CIT DRIVE, #3213-1 LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

X

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Peek

07/20/2006

**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) Options vest in increments of 1/3 on anniversary of grant date for a period of 3 years, commencing July 19, 2007.

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