

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP
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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 *
KAVANAUGH JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
IBM CORPORATION, NEW ORCHARD ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Controller

ARMONK, NY 10504

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

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned 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) | 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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction Number | 5. | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/15/2008 | A ⁽²⁾ | 5 | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 5 | | | | | | | \$ 82.77 |
| Phantom Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/15/2008 | A ⁽²⁾ | 4 | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 4 | | | | | | | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAVANAUGH JAMES J IBM CORPORATION NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504 | | | VP, Controller | |

Signatures

D. Cummins for J. J. Kavanaugh by
power-of-attorney

12/16/2008

__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) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (3) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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