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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW] CROOM MARSHALL A (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) MOORESVILLE, NCÂ 28117 Form filed by More than One SVP & Chief Risk Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 75,744.2712 Common Stock 6,884.13 I By 401k Plan Common Stock 839.902 Ι By IRA Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Benefit Restoration Plan Stock Units	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	991.8337	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2005	03/01/2010	Common Stock	5,574	\$ 19.65	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2004	03/01/2009	Common Stock	4,114	\$ 21.995	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2004	03/01/2010	Common Stock	4,894	\$ 19.65	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/01/2005	02/01/2009	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 22.85	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/01/2004	08/01/2010	Common Stock	44,480	\$ 23.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	03/01/2015	Common Stock	23,000	\$ 23.97	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2005	03/01/2011	Common Stock	21,150	\$ 28.375	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	03/01/2012	Common Stock	20,290	\$ 29.175	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	03/01/2014	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 32.21	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	03/01/2013	Common Stock	22,000	\$ 34.16	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
CROOM MARSHALL A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	Â	Â	SVP & Chief Risk Officer	Â	
Signatures					

Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Marshall A. Croom 02/04/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 unit is the equivalent of one share of common stock. In accordance with the terms of the Benefit Restoration Plan, the value of the units becomes payable in cash following the reporting person's termination.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2009.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2006.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2008.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2007.

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