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FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GERKE THOMAS A**

(First) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

5454 W 110TH STREET

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Security

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

02/27/2009

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

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 Conversion

or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (In Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Restricted Common Stock \$0 02/27/2009 A 74,792 (1) (1) 74,792 Stock Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GERKE THOMAS A 5454 W 110TH STREET OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

President & CEO

Signatures

Claudia S. Toussaint, attorney-in-fact

03/03/2009

**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) RSUs will vest and underlying shares will be delivered to reporting person in 3 installments, with 34% vesting on February 27, 2010 and 33% vesting on each of February 27, 2011 and February 27, 2012.

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