

MICROFINANCIAL INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROFINANCIAL INC [MFI] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner ___ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
|--|--|---|---|--|

C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS
 FUNDS,Â 527 MADISON
 AVENUE, SUITE 2600

 (Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 1,810,414 ⁽¹⁾ | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Limited Partnerships ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | | Title | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS 527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600 NEW YORK, NY 10022 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

Austin W. Marxe
12/11/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

David M. Greenhouse
12/11/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP) and Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (Cayman), respectively, 1,470,419 shares of Common Stock are held by QP and 339,995 shares of Common Stock are held by Cayman. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP and Cayman is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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