KATZ KAREN Form 4 January 05, 2009

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KATZ KAREN Issuer Symbol PIER 1 IMPORTS INC/DE [PIR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., 100 01/02/2009 below) PIER 1 PLACE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount common 01/02/2009 $A^{(1)}$ 7,812.5 91,044.67 D stock

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)

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Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired		Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo	
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
				Codo V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KATZ KAREN C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. 100 PIER 1 PLACE FORT WORTH, TX 76102	X						

Signatures

/s/ Karen W. Katz By: Michael A. Carter,
Atty-in-Fact
01/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Deferred stock units pursuant to a Director Deferred Stock Unit Award for Non-Employee Directors granted under the Pier 1 Imports,
Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended. The deferred stock units are with respect to non-employee director compensation for the
period January 2009 through February 2009, pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation plan, as amended. The deferred
stock units were credited to the reporting person's deferred stock units account, which account is maintained by the Issuer, on January 2
2009, and are to be settled within thirty (30) days after the person ceases being a member of the Board of Directors, subject to adjustment
for the period of service as a Director. Each deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock.

Date

Remarks:

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 24 - Limited Power of Attorney

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