

Batista Jose JR
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Batista Jose JR (Last) (First) (Middle) AV. BRIGADEIRO FERIA LIMA, 2391,,Â 2 ANDAR CONJUNTO 22, SALA 2 (Street) SAO PAULO,Â D5Â 01452-000 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2009 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PILGRIMS PRIDE CORP [PPC] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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 | 134,397,620 | I | By JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ⁽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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Batista Jose JR AV. BRIGADEIRO FERIA LIMA, 2391, 2 ANDAR CONJUNTO 22, SALA 2 SAO PAULO, D5 01452-000 | X | X | X | X |

Signatures

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| /s/ Christopher Gaddis, by power of attorney | 01/07/2010 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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 As more particularly described in the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed by JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA") and the other reporting persons identified therein (including Jose Batista) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on January 7, 2010, Jose Batista Junior, together with the other members of the Batista Family (as defined in the Schedule 13D), indirectly control JBS USA.

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