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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 SOTHEBYS [BID] VAN MARIS VAN DYK (Month/Day/Year) **PATRICK** 07/28/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1334 YORK AVENUE (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 NEW YORK, NYÂ 10021 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Managing Director, Europe Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 22,638 (1) Common Stock D

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) | 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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| | | Title | Security | Direct (D) | |

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN MARIS VAN DYK PATRICK 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NYÂ 10021

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Managing Director, Europe \hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Gilbert L. Klemann as Attorney-In-Fact 08/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) Includes 21,458 shares of unvested restricted stock granted under the Issuer's Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Plan.

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