

SOTHEBYS

Form 4

February 12, 2009

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KLEMAN GILBERT L II

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1334 YORK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

SOTHEBYS [BID]

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

02/10/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EVP, General Consol. & Secrt'y.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/10/2009 ⁽¹⁾		F		648	D	<u>(2)</u> 8,831 ⁽³⁾	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(5)</u>	02/11/2009		A	9,047	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	9,047

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KLEMMANN GILBERT L II 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021	EVP, General Consl. & Secrt.

Signatures

/s/ Gilbert
Klemann 02/12/2009

Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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) Date of vesting of restricted stock shares
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Includes 4,860 shares of unvested restricted stock
- (4) Granted pursuant to the Issuer's Restricted Stock Unit Plan
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit is a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock
- (6) Each Restricted Stock Unit grant vests in 4 equal installments on the first through fourth anniversaries of the grant date

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