CIT GROUP INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELLEHER TERRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

(Month/Day/Year)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O CIT GROUP, 1 CIT DRIVE,

01/17/2008

below) below)

(Check all applicable)

#3275-1

Co-President, Vendor Finance 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

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Person

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

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.15	01/17/2008		A		14,264		<u>(1)</u>	01/17/2015	Common Stock	14,264
Restricted Cash Unit	<u>(2)</u>	01/17/2008		A		7,093		(3)	01/17/2010	Common Stock	7,093

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLEHER TERRY C/O CIT GROUP 1 CIT DRIVE, #3275-1 LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

Co-President, Vendor Finance

Signatures

James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Kelleher

01/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) Options vest and become exercisable in 1/3 increments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) Each Restricted Cash Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock and was granted based on the closing price of CIT common stock of \$21.15 on 01/17/08 (date of earnings release).
- (3) Restricted Cash Units vest in 50% increments on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and are payable in cash based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the vest date.

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