STERNBERG SEYMOUR

Form 4 May 14, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STERNBERG SEYMOUR

Symbol

(Middle)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

05/12/2009

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

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

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O CIT GROUP INC., 1 CIT

DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

D

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (D) Price Code V Amount

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

05/12/2009(2)

15,674

24.838.9227

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	ate	7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.19	05/12/2009		A	42,453	<u>(1)</u>	05/12/2016	Common Stock	42,453

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STERNBERG SEYMOUR C/O CIT GROUP INC. 1 CIT DRIVE LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039	X					

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr.
Sternberg
05/14/2009

**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 three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) Shares vest in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.

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