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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Alexander Susan Issuer Symbol SOTHEBYS [BID] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 1334 YORK AVENUE 02/10/2011 below) EVP & WW Head of HR (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(State)

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(City)

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities sactionAcquired (A) or		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(IIISII. 4)	(IIIsu: 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/10/2011(1)		F	881	D	<u>(2)</u>	19,331 (3)	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2011		M	3,619	A	<u>(2)</u>	22,950 (3)	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2011		F	1,311	D	<u>(2)</u>	21,639 (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)

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units (4)	<u>(5)</u>	02/11/2011		M	3,619	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	3,619	9

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alexander Susan

1334 YORK AVENUE EVP & WW Head of HR NEW YORK, NY 10021

## **Signatures**

/s/ Susan Alexander 02/14/2011

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **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) Date of vesting restricted stock shares
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Includes 3,750 shares of unvested restricted stock
- (4) Granted pursuant to the Issuer's Restricted Stock Unit Plan
- (5) Restricted Stock Units are convertible into the Issuer's Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) 25% of the restricted stock units granted on February 11, 2009 vest on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th anniversaries from the date of grant.

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