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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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ess of Reporti uno	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SOTHEBYS [BID]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
VENUE		(Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP & COO		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NY 10021		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	(First) VENUE (Street)	(First) (Middle)  VENUE  (Street)	uno  Symbol  SOTHEBYS [BID]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  VENUE 03/04/2011  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  NY 10021		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/04/2011		Code V S	Amount 9,688	(D)	Price \$ 48.7995 (1)	(Instr. 3 and 4) 21,983 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2011		A	5,653 (3)	A	<u>(4)</u>	27,636 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2011		F	2,613	D	<u>(4)</u>	25,023 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2011		M	11,250	A	<u>(4)</u>	36,273 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2011		S	11,250	D	\$ 48.1253	25,023 (2)	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh	
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy (6)	\$ 22.11	03/07/2011		M	11,25	0 02/09/2011	02/09/2020	Common Stock	11,2	

## **Reporting Owners**

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

Vinciguerra Bruno 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021

**EVP & COO** 

### **Signatures**

/s/ Bruno

Vinciguerra 03/08/2011 \*\*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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.72 to \$48.85, inclusive.

(2) Includes 1,620 of shares of unvested restricted stock

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- (3) Performance share units that have vested and are settled in common stock as a result of the fulfillment of a pre-tax earnings target.
- (4) Not Applicable
- (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.06 to \$48.30, inclusive.
- (6) Granted under the Issuer's 1997 Stock Option Plan

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