

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SHANKS VIRGINIA E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC [HET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/28/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP Brand Management

C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC, ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 01/28/2008                           |  | D                              | (A) or (D)<br>5,099 (1) D (1)                                     | \$ 90 (1) 0   | I  | By 401(k)                         |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 73.95   | 01/28/2008                           |  | D                              | 26,667  | <u>(2)(4)</u> 06/17/2012                                 | Common Stock  | 26,667                     |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 63.96   | 01/28/2008                           |  | D                              | 50,000  | <u>(2)(5)</u> 11/09/2012                                 | Common Stock  | 50,000                     |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 64.97   | 01/28/2008                           |  | D                              | 18,239  | <u>(3)(6)</u> 07/19/2013                                 | Common Stock  | 18,239                     |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SHANKS VIRGINIA E  
C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC  
ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

Sr. VP Brand Management

## Signatures

Virginia E. Shanks by Angela P. Winter,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/28/2008

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") among the Issuer, Hamlet Holdings LLC, ("Parent") and Hamlet Merger Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (the "Merger"), which provides for the cancellation of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in exchange for \$90.00 per share (the "Merger Consideration").
  - (2) All vested and unvested options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
  - (3) All vested and unvested stock appreciation rights were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
  - (4) The options were exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/06, 1/1/07 and 1/1/08.
  - (5) The options were exercisable in three installments on 1/1/08, 1/1/09 and 1/1/10 in the following amounts: 12,500, 12,500 and 50,000 respectively.
  - (6) The stock appreciation rights were exercisable in three equal installments on 6/30/07, 6/30/08 and 6/30/09.

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