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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC A Slabach Christopher L (Month/Day/Year) [FMBH.OB] 04/30/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1504 WOODLAWN DR. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person CHARLESTON, ILÂ 61920 (give title below) (specify below) _ Form filed by More than One Senior V.P. Risk Mgmt Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock Ι 270.789 By 401K Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
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	•				Security	Direct (D)	

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Stock Options $01/01/2009_{\underbrace{(1)}}^{(1)} 12/11/2017 \frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}} 1,500 $26.1 D Â$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Slabach Christopher L

1504 WOODLAWN DR. Â Â Senior V.P. Risk Mgmt Â

CHARLESTON, ILÂ 61920

Signatures

Christopher L. 05/09/2008 Slabach

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2009.

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