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CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC Form 4 December 20, 2007 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GOLDMAN JAMES A** Issuer Symbol CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL (Check all applicable) STORES INC [PLCE] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 915 SECAUCUS ROAD 12/18/2007 (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 SECAUCUS, NJ 07094 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Disposed of (D) any (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership **(I)** (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of 8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4) S

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 27.08	12/18/2007		D		2,696		(2)	12/18/2017	Common Stock	2,696

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GOLDMAN JAMES A							
915 SECAUCUS ROAD	Х						
SECAUCUS, NJ 07094							
Signatures							
/s/ Lenwood Ross, James Goldman (by Lenwood Ross as Attorney-in-Fact)							
<u>**</u> Signatur		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).

This is the annual option grant that all directors are entitled to receive under the registrant's amended and restated 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. This grant was supposed to have been made last February but the registrant was unable to make equity grants at that time due to its

- (1) not being current in its SEC periodic reporting obligations. The number of options granted to the reporting person have been prorated based on his appointment to the registrant's Board of Directors on August 17, 2006. The exercise price is the average of the high and low of registrant's stock price on the grant date.
- (2) One-third of the shares vest on each of the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant.

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