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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement KEMET CORP [KEM] A Lessner Philip Michael (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) KEMET (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 2835 **KEMET WAY** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) VP-Chief Technical Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person GREENVILLE, Â SCÂ 29681 Form filed by More than One 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 Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 4,111 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	02/01/2001	10/28/2008	Common Stock	1,320	\$ 5.7345	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	10/20/2001	10/20/2009	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 14.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/30/2002	11/30/2010	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 17.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/21/2003	11/21/2011	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 16.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/15/2004	11/15/2012	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 9.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	10/24/2005	10/24/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 12.77	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	10/29/2006	10/29/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 7.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	10/24/2007	10/24/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 7.25	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Lessner Philip Michael					
KEMET CORPORATION	â	â	VP-Chief Technical Officer	Â	
2835 KEMET WAY	A	A	A VF-Cilier Technical Officer	A	
GREENVILLE, SC 29681					

Signatures

/s/ Dr. Philip M.
Lessner

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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