

HILLENBRAND W AUGUST
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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 *
 HILLENBRAND W AUGUST

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1069 STATE ROUTE 46E
 (Street)

BATESVILLE, IN 47006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. [HRC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/08/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock					24,402	D			
Common Stock					81,626	I	By GRATs		
Common Stock					45,373	I	By Spouse's GRAT		
Common Stock					71,773	I	By Family LLC ⁽¹⁾		
Common Stock	12/08/2008		S ⁽²⁾	239,120	D	\$ 20.91	715,400	I	By Trusts ⁽¹⁾
					37,407	I			

Common Stock						By Trusts for Grandchildren (1)
Common Stock		8,222	I			By W August Hillenbrand 2003 Option GRAT
Common Stock		283,304	I			By May 1, 2008 GRAT

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. 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILLENBRAND W AUGUST 1069 STATE ROUTE 46E BATESVILLE, IN 47006	X			

Signatures

Donna Isaacs, as Attorney-in-Fact for W August Hillenbrand 12/10/2008

__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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

(2) On December 8, 2008, a trust in which reporting person is a co-trustee sold a total of 239,120 shares of common stock to five family limited partnerships (the "Partnerships") for a total purchase price of \$4,999,999.20 based on the mean share price of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 8, 2008. The reporting person is only a limited partner in the Partnerships and has no other interest in them.

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