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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 *
SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE NEW YORK TIMES
COMPANY, 620 8TH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT.A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2008

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)

Chairman and Publisher

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/16/2008 | | F | D | \$ 2,629 | 108,359 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| | | | | | 7.11 | | |

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

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY 620 8TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X | | Chairman and Publisher | | |

Signatures

/s/ Theodore R. Wagner, Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., By: Theodore R. Wagner, Attorney-in-fact 12/18/2008

__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) Delivery of shares to The New York Times Company to satisfy withholding tax obligations related to the vesting of restricted stock granted December 16, 2004 under the 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan.
In addition, as previously reported, the reporting person owns 258,165 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by limited liability company as general partner of a limited partnership, 24,720 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by his wife as trustee, 1,400,000 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly, and 450 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly as a co-trustee of a trust, which is the limited partner of the limited partnership. The reporting person had acquired 30,000 shares of restricted stock on December 20, 2005, as reported on his Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4, dated December 22, 2005, which shares have inadvertently not been reported in subsequent beneficial ownership reports of the reporting person.
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