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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 CIT GROUP INC [CIT] FOSTER NANCY J (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O CIT GROUP, 505 FIFTH (Check all applicable) **AVENUE** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Exec. VP & Chief Risk Officer Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10017 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 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 14,400 (5) Common Stock D 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 required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/17/2015	Common Stock	8,572	\$ 21.15	D	Â
Restricted Cash Unit	(3)	01/17/2010	Common Stock	9,457	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	07/17/2015	Common	30,000	\$ 8.47	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FOSTER NANCY J						
C/O CIT GROUP 505 FIFTH AVENUE	Â	Â	Exec. VP & Chief Risk Officer	Â		
NEW YORK, NY 10017						

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Foster

12/18/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- Options granted on 1/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2011.
- (2) Each Restricted Cash Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock and was granted based on the closing price of CIT common stock of \$21.15 on 01/17/08 (date of grant).
- (3) Restricted Cash Units vest in 50% increments on each of the first and second anniversaries of 1/17/2008, the date of grant, and are payable in cash based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the vest date.
- Options granted on 7/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/17/2011.
- (5) 14,400 restricted stock units shall vest 100% on 12/31/2010.

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