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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Middle)

(Zip)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Holligan Mike

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FREDS INC [FRED]

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

09/19/2010

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

4300 NEW GETWELL

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(9-02)

(Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Se

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	erivative		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							(In	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option on Class A Common stock	\$ 20.6	09/19/2010(1)		J <u>(1)</u>			750	08/20/2008	09/19/2010	Class A Common Stock	750	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					

Holligan Mike

4300 NEW GETWELL Vice President MEMPHIS, TN 38118

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

orney 09/22/2010

**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) Shares granted 5/19/2003 have expired unexercised.

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