

OWENS JAMES W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
OWENS JAMES W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET

(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61629-7230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2008

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 of the Board/CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/24/2008		G	V 17,949 D \$0	183,916 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common	12/19/2008		G	V 2,700 D \$0	118,344	I	Held in Revocable Trust
Common	12/23/2008		G	V 1,200 D \$0	117,144	I	Held in Revocable Trust
Common	12/24/2008		G	V 17,949 A \$0	135,093	I	Held in Revocable Trust
Common	12/19/2008		G	V 2,400 A \$0	4,800	I	Grandchildren's Trust
Common	12/19/2008		G	V 300 A \$0	300	I	

Grandchild's Trust

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)
Phantom Stock Units	(2)			Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable (3) Expiration Date (3)	Title Common 6,617	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OWENS JAMES W 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-7230	X		Chairman of the Board/CEO	

## Signatures

James W. Owens; L.J. Huxtable,  
POA  
Date 12/30/2008

\*\*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) This amount includes 30,337 shares in 401K.

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- (2) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.

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