

Israel James
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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 *
Israel James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DEERE & CO [DEERE & CO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, John Deere Credit

MOLINE, IL 61265

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
\$1 Par Common Stock	12/17/2008		A		14,165 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0
					53,795 ⁽²⁾	D	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Market Priced Options ⁽³⁾	\$ 39.665	12/17/2008		A	42,497	12/17/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/17/2018	Common Stock	42,497

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Israel James ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265			President, John Deere Credit	

Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney 12/19/2008

**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) Grant of restricted stock units under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (2) Includes 53,795 restricted stock units granted under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan to be settled solely in shares.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (4) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 17, 2009, December 17, 2010, and December 17, 2011.

Remarks:

See attached "FOOTNOTES" page.

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