

DAVIDSON SPENCER
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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON SPENCER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

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)
CEO, Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/28/2012	^	J(1)	33,779 A \$ 28.135	712,627	D (2)	^
Common Stock	11/30/2012	^	J(3)	4,459 (3) A \$ (3)	51,549	I	By Thrift Plan Trust (4)
Common Stock	12/28/2012	^	J(1)	145 A \$ 28.135	586,247	I	By Trusts (5)

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Common Stock	12/19/2012	Â	J ⁽⁶⁾	2,148	D	\$ ⁽⁶⁾	49,401	I	By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	12/19/2012	Â	J ⁽⁶⁾	2,148	A	\$ ⁽⁶⁾	2,148	D	Â
Common Stock	12/19/2012	Â	J ⁽⁶⁾	49,401	D	\$ ⁽⁶⁾	0	I	By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	12/19/2012	Â	J ⁽⁶⁾	49,401	A	\$ ⁽⁶⁾	762,028	D ⁽²⁾	Â
5.95% Preferred Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,741	D ⁽²⁾	Â
5.95% Preferred Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	93,600	I	By Trusts ⁽⁵⁾

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)	9. of D Se B O E I F I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIDSON SPENCER GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Â CEO, Chairman	Â

Signatures

/s/Spencer
Davidson

02/11/2013

__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 received in payment of dividends.
 - (2) Shares held by the Hudson Partnership of which Spencer Davidson is the General Partner.
 - (3) The securities reported herein were acquired on a periodic basis in open market transactions at the then prevailing market prices pursuant to the Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The information is based upon a statement as of 11/30/2012 issued by the Plan Administrator.
 - (4) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
 - (5) By various trusts of which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
 - (6) The securities reported herein were received/acquired in conjunction with a withdrawal (disposition) from the Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust.

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