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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 to FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE

GREIF, INC.

SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 31-4388903

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio

43015

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Van Leer Containers, Inc. Thrift Plan

(Full title of the plan)
Gary R. Martz, Esq.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Greif, Inc.
425 Winter Road
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(740) 549-6000

Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

with copies to

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PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

On June 19, 2003, Greif, Inc. (the Company) filed a registration statement on Form S-8, Registration Number 333-106287, with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register participation interests in the Van Leer Containers, Inc. Thrift Plan (the Plan) and shares of Class A Common Stock, without par value, of the Company (the Shares).

On December 31, 2003, the Plan was merged into the Greif 401(k) Retirement Plan, and the Plan ceased to exist. For that reason, the Company hereby requests that all unsold Shares be deregistered. ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement:

> If Incorporated by Reference, Document with which Exhibit was Previously Filed with SEC

Description of Exhibit 24 Powers of Attorney for Vicki L. Avril, Bruce A. Edwards, Mark A. Emkes, John F. Finn, Daniel J. Gunsett, Judith D. Hook and Patrick

Norton

Exhibit No.

Included herein.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing this Post-Effective Amendment to Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Delaware, State of Ohio, on July 30, 2009.

GREIF, INC.

By /s/ Michael J. Gasser
Michael J. Gasser, Chairman of the
Board of
Directors and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on July 30, 2009.

Signature Title Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief /s/ Michael J. Gasser Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) Michael J. Gasser Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer /s/ Donald S. Huml (Principal Financial Officer) Donald S. Huml /s/ Kenneth B. Andre III Vice President, Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer) Kenneth B. Andre III Vicki L. Avril* Director Vicki L. Avril Bruce A. Edwards* Director Bruce A. Edwards Mark A. Emkes* Director Mark A. Emkes John F. Finn* Director John F. Finn Daniel J. Gunsett* Director Daniel J. Gunsett

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Judith D. Hook* Director

Judith D. Hook

Patrick J. Norton* Director

Patrick J. Norton

The undersigned, Michael J. Gasser, by signing his name hereto, does hereby sign and execute this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement on behalf of each of the above-named persons pursuant to powers of attorney duly executed by

> such persons and filed as exhibits to this Post-Effective

Amendment

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No. 1 to Form

S-8 Registration

Statement.

/s/ Michael J. Gasser

Michael J. Gasser, Attorney-in-Fact