

McDonald James S
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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 *
 McDonald James S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIT GROUP, 1 CIT DRIVE,
 #3251-9

(Street)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/06/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2008 ⁽⁶⁾ | | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 1,143 A \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | 5,063 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2008 ⁽⁷⁾ | | A ⁽⁷⁾ | 3,809 A \$ 0 | 8,872 | 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)

| 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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.13 <u>(2)</u> | 05/06/2008 | | A | 11,250 | <u>(1)</u> | | 05/06/2015 | | Common Stock | 11,250 |
| Option (Right to Buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 13.13 <u>(2)</u> | 05/06/2008 | | A | 3,750 | 05/06/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ | | 05/06/2015 | | Common Stock | 3,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McDonald James S C/O CIT GROUP 1 CIT DRIVE, #3251-9 LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039 | | X | | |

Signatures

James P. Shanahan, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. McDonald
Date: 05/08/2008

 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) Options vest and become exercisable in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) Based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the date of grant.
- (3) Filer elected to receive options in lieu of cash compensation.
- (4) Options shall fully vest on 5/6/2009, the 1st anniversary of grant date.
- (5) Filer elected to receive stock in lieu of cash compensation.
- (6) Shares fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) Shares vest in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.

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