

SAFRIT BARRY  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SAFRIT BARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC [BSET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY, P  
O BOX 626  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/29/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President/CFO

BASSETT, VA 24055

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common                          | 10/27/2008                           |  | P                              | 500 A \$3.9   | 3,054.6318 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 16.25   | 09/28/1999                           |  | A                              | 10,000  | 09/27/2002 09/26/2009                                    | Common  | 10,000                     |
| Option <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 14.7  | 01/15/2002                           |  | A                              | 5,000   | 01/15/2003 01/14/2012                                    | Common  | 5,000                      |
| Option <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 14.7  | 01/15/2002                           |  | A                              | 5,000   | 01/15/2004 01/14/2012                                    | Common  | 5,000                      |
| Option <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 14.7  | 01/15/2002                           |  | A                              | 5,000   | 01/15/2005 01/14/2012                                    | Common  | 5,000                      |
| Option <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 21.12   | 02/24/2004                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | 11/15/2004 02/23/2014                                    | Common  | 20,000                     |
| OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 10.6  | 10/17/2007                           |  | A                              | 4,000   | 10/17/2008 10/16/2017                                    | COMMON  | 4,000                      |
| OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 10.6  | 10/17/2007                           |  | A                              | 4,000   | 10/17/2009 10/16/2017                                    | COMMON  | 4,000                      |
| OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>                      | \$ 10.6  | 10/17/2007                           |  | A                              | 4,000   | 10/17/2010 10/16/2017                                    | COMMON  | 4,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| SAFRIT BARRY<br>3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY<br>P O BOX 626<br>BASSETT, VA 24055 |               |           | Senior Vice President/CFO |       |

## Signatures

Barry C Safrit                      10/29/2008  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Includes shares acquired under the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase plan in transactions exempt under rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) Granted under the 1997 Employee Stock Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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