

Baalman Richard Fenton JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Baalman Richard Fenton JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESCALADE INC [ESCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11767 MANCHESTER ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/28/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ST LOUIS, MO 63131

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security				Code	V	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)				
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/28/2008	01/28/2008	A		800		12/31/2012 ⁽²⁾	12/31/2012	Common Stock	800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Baalman Richard Fenton JR 11767 MANCHESTER ROAD ST LOUIS, MO 63131			X	

Signatures

/s/ Richard F. Baalman, Jr.	02/04/2008
**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of ESCA common stock granted pursuant to the Escalade, Incorporated 2007 Incentive Plan.
- (2) These Restricted Stock Units will vest in one installment on December 31, 2012 and the associated shares will be delivered to the reporting person within 30 days of said date.
- (3) Composed of 1,250 Restricted Stock Units that will vest on 04/30/2008 and 2,288 Restricted Stock Units that will vest on 12/31/2012

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