

OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP INC
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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 *
 JOHNSTON ROBERT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP INC [OSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 666 THIRD AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Head-Shipping Operations

NEW YORK, NY 10017
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	12/17/2008		A	3,968 (1)	A \$ 0 21,181 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share					4,023	I (3)	(3)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	\$ 40.95	12/17/2008		A	16,684	⁽⁴⁾ 12/17/2018	Common Stock	16,684

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSTON ROBERT E 666 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017			SVP & Head-Shipping Operations	

Signatures

/s/James I. Edelson, Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to power of attorney previously filed 12/19/2008

**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) These shares of common stock were granted pursuant to the Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2004 Plan"), and are subject to vesting restrictions. The reporting person becomes vested in one fourth of such shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Of these 21,181 shares of common stock, 15,583 shares are subject to vesting restrictions as of December 18, 2008.
- (3) The reporting person indirectly owns these 4,023 shares of common stock through the Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc. 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) The option to purchase these shares of common stock was granted pursuant to the 2004 Plan and will become exercisable as to one third of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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