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

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2008

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing This Report:

Name: Manulife Financial Corporation  
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Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Richard A. Lococo  
Title: SVP & Deputy General Counsel  
Phone: 416-926-6620

Richard A. Lococo Toronto, Ontario, Canada November 11, 2008  
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List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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028-04428	The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company
028-10490	MFC Global Investment Management (USA) Limited
028-03983	John Hancock Life Insurance Company

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028-03673

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