

MELLO JOSEPH C
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
MELLO JOSEPH C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 601 HAWAII ST.
 (Street)
 EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DAVITA INC [DVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/16/2008

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)
Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/16/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		25,000	A	\$ 46
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S ⁽²⁾		25,000	D	\$ 56.5054
Common Stock	09/16/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		12,500	A	\$ 49.7
Common Stock	09/16/2008		F		10,827	D	\$ 57.38
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S ⁽²⁾		1,673	D	\$ 56.5262

(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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 46	09/16/2008		M ⁽⁴⁾	25,000	03/30/2007 09/22/2010	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 49.7	09/16/2008		M ⁽⁴⁾	12,500	07/01/2007 07/01/2011	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MELLO JOSEPH C 601 HAWAII ST. EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk
Attorney-in-Fact

09/17/2008

**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) The acquisition of these shares was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.
 - (2) The sale of these shares was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.

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- (3) The range of prices for the sale of these shares was \$55.89 - \$57.55. The filer undertakes to provide staff, the issuer, or a security holder full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) The exercise of these shares was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.

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