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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CIT GROUP INC [CIT] GIPSON KELLEY J. (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O CIT GROUP, 505 FIFTH (Check all applicable) **AVENUE** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting **Executive Vice President** Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10017 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 22,416 (9) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/17/2014	Common Stock	6,112	\$ 56.54	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/17/2015	Common Stock	13,343	\$ 21.15	D	Â
Restricted Cash Unit	(4)	01/17/2010	Common Stock	9,457	\$ (3)	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2008	01/18/2015	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 41.89	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	01/18/2013	Common Stock	5,883	\$ 51.43	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	01/21/2007	01/21/2014	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 39.22	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	07/17/2015	Common Stock	46,700	\$ 8.47	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	07/18/2014	Common Stock	6,875	\$ 49.17	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	07/19/2008	07/19/2015	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 43.01	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	07/19/2013	Common Stock	6,667	\$ 47.28	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	07/21/2007	07/21/2014	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 37.6	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	07/26/2000	07/26/2010	Common Stock	4,129	\$ 44.4965	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GIPSON KELLEY J. C/O CIT GROUP 505 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Gipson 12/18/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Relationships

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options granted on 1/17/2007 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2010.
- Options granted on 1/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2011.
- (3) Each Restricted Cash Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock and was granted based on the closing price of CIT common stock of \$21.15 on 01/17/08 (date of grant).
- (4) Restricted Cash Units vest in 50% increments on each of the first and second anniversaries of 1/17/2008, the date of grant, and are payable in cash based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the vest date.
- Options granted on 1/18/2006 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2009.
- Options granted on 7/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/17/2011.
- (7) Options granted on 7/18/2007 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/18/2010.
- (8) Options granted on 7/19/2006 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/19/2009.
- (9) Shares shall vest 100% on 12/31/2010.

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