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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 may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PEEK JEFFREY M Issuer Symbol CIT GROUP INC [CIT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O CIT GROUP INC., 505 FIFTH 12/31/2008 below) **AVENUE** Chairman and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10017 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Nor	1-Derivative Secu	rities .	Acquire	d, 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			(A) or	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/31/2008		Code V A(2)	Amount 25,557.2687 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 2.83	(Instr. 3 and 4) 309,602.8822	D	
Common Stock							1,000	I	Andrew L. Peek Trust (3)
Common Stock							9,300	I	By GRAT Trust
Common Stock							1,000	I	Hilary T. Peek Trust (3)
							1,000	I	

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Common Stock			Katherine W. Peek Trust (3)
Common Stock	154,300	I	Jeffrey M Peek March 2008 - CIT GRAT (6)
Common Stock	20,000	I	by Qualified Annuity Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4. T	5.	6. Date Exe		7. Title and A	
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	of 8) Deriva Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 4, and	(Month/Day tive ies ed ed		Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	
				Code	V (A) (1	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock (deferred)	<u>(4)</u>					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	21,698.8452

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
.t	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PEEK JEFFREY M C/O CIT GROUP INC. 505 FIFTH AVENUE	X		Chairman and CEO					

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/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Peek

01/05/2009

**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 deferred share of common stock represents the right to receive one share of CIT common stock or the equivalent cash value thereof.
- (2) Shares acquired through reinvestment of cash dividends on vested deferred performance shares.
- (3) Filer disclaims beneficial ownership. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.
- (4) Each share of deferred common stock has the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock on the transaction date.
- (5) Pursuant to a proper election by the reporting person, shares of deferred common stock are issuable upon the earlier of the reporting person's death or termination of employment with CIT.
- (6) Mr. Peek transferred 154, 300 shares of Common Stock from his personal account into this trust. His three children are the beneficiaries of the trust.

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