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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
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| Fg | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CALAMOS NICK P 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 | Â | Â | vice president | Â | | | |

Signatures

/s/ James S. Hamman, Jr.
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Includes 10,972.986 shares acquired between December 2004 and October 2006 under the Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) The total reported number of shares directly held has been reduced to reflect that certain shares, which had previously been reported as directly held, were at the time held indirectly through a trust. These shares are now included in the reporting person's indirect holdings.

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