

McDonald James S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McDonald James S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIT GROUP, 1 CIT DRIVE,
 #3251-9

(Street)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/16/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/16/2008 ⁽⁴⁾		A ⁽³⁾	5,155 A	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾ 19,027	D	

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)

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2.91 ⁽²⁾	10/16/2008		A	15,000	10/16/2009 - 10/16/2015	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McDonald James S C/O CIT GROUP 1 CIT DRIVE, #3251-9 LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039		X		

Signatures

James P. Shanahan, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. McDonald 10/20/2008

__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) Filer elected to receive options in lieu of cash compensation.
- (2) Based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the date of grant.
- (3) Filer elected to receive stock in lieu of cash compensation.
- (4) Shares vest fully on the 1st anniversary of grant date.

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