

Roberts Dennis J.
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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 *
Roberts Dennis J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/29/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Operations Excellence

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/29/2008 | | A | | 16,900 (1) | A | \$ 0 16,900 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 10 | 09/29/2008 | | Code V (A) (D) A | 50,000 | Date Exercisable Expiration Date 09/29/2009 ⁽²⁾ 09/29/2013 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Roberts Dennis J. 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 | | | SVP, Operations Excellence | |

Signatures

David C. Milne, Attorney in Fact 09/30/2008

**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) These shares have a six-month vesting period which is accelerated in the event Mr. Roberts is terminated for any reason except cause within that period.
- (2) These options vest at a rate of 20% on each anniversary of the grant until fully vested.

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