

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Payne John W R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC [HET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, Central Division

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/28/2008

(Street)  
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/28/2008		D		7,897 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(4)</sub>	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2008		D		11,762	D	
Non-Voting Common Stock	01/28/2008		A		7,108.78	D	
Non-Voting Preferred	01/28/2008		A		3,477.02	D	

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Stock

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 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.495	01/28/2008		D	10,121	<u>(2)(5)</u> 06/18/2010	Common Stock	10,121
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 52.585	01/28/2008		D	20,183	<u>(2)(6)</u> 06/16/2011	Common Stock	20,183
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 73.95	01/28/2008		D	35,000	<u>(2)(7)</u> 06/17/2012	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 64.97	01/28/2008		D	30,476	<u>(3)(8)</u> 07/19/2013	Common Stock	30,476

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Payne John W R C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89119			President, Central Division	

## Signatures

John Payne by Angela P. Winter,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/28/2008

\_\_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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") among the Issuer, Hamlet Holdings LLC, ("Parent") and Hamlet Merger Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (the "Merger"), which provides for the cancellation of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in exchange for \$90.00 per share (the "Merger Consideration").
  - (2) All vested and unvested options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
  - (3) All vested and unvested stock appreciation rights were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
  - (4) Includes 4,514 shares of restricted stock.
  - (5) The options were exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/04, 1/1/05 and 1/1/06.
  - (6) The options were exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/05, 1/1/06 and 1/1/07.
  - (7) The options were exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/06, 1/1/07 and 1/1/08.
  - (8) The stock appreciation rights were exercisable on three equal installments on 6/30/07, 6/30/08 and 6/30/09.
  - (9) Exchanged in connection with the Merger, for 7,108.78 shares of non-voting common stock and 3,477.02 shares of non-voting preferred stock of surviving corporation, each having a market value of \$100 per share.
  - (10) 7,108.78 shares of non-voting common stock and 3,477.02 shares of non-voting preferred stock acquired through exchange described in footnote 9.

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