KERN R. FRANKLIN III

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(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 KERN R. FRANKLIN III Issuer Symbol INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (Check all applicable) MACHINES CORP [IBM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) IBM CORPORATION, C/O 05/08/2008 Senior Vice President SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW ORCHARD ROAD (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

ARMONK, NY 10504

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 05/08/2008 \$0 M 2,187 Α 35,513.171 D Stock Common 05/08/2008 F 740 D 34,773,171 D Stock Common $I^{(1)}$ 110 daughter 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. Numb onDerivati Securitic Acquire Dispose (Instr. 3, | ve es d (A) or d of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Rst. Stock Unit | \$ 0 (2) | 05/08/2008 | | A(2) | 6,729 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 6,729 |
| Rst. Stock Unit | \$ 0 (3) | 05/08/2008 | | M(4) | | 2,187 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 2,187 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Toporting of Have Filance, Filance | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| KERN R. FRANKLIN III IBM CORPORATION C/O SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504 | | | Senior Vice President | | | |

Signatures

D. Cummins for R. F. Kern III by power-of-attorney 05/09/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

Date

- Upon lapse of the restrictions, these units are payable in cash or the company's common stock. The restrictions lapse for 2,243 of these units on 05/08/2009, for 2,243 of these units on 05/08/2010, and for the remaining 2,243 of these units on 05/08/2011.
- (3) These units were payable in cash or the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions on the transaction date shown.
- (4) Release of restricted stock units.

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