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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ITT CORP [ITT] Melcher David F (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1133 WESTCHESTER (Check all applicable) **AVENUE** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President Person WHITE PLAINS, NYÂ 10604 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 1,125 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect 2. Date Exercisable and Securities Underlying (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	08/18/2015	Common Stock	5,535	\$ 66.45	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transferring of the France of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Melcher David F 1133 WESTCHESTER AVENUE WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/Kathleen S. Stolar, Secretary of ITT Corporation, by power of attorney for David F. Melcher

12/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares of restricted stock awarded under the ITT Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest 100% after three years.
- (2) Options awarded on 8/18/2008 under the ITT Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. Options will become exercisable in one-third cumulative installments after the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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