

DUFFY JAMES J  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â DUFFY JAMES J (Last) (First) (Middle)			(Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2008		CIT GROUP INC [CIT]	
C/O CIT GROUP,Â 505 FIFTH AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)						
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10017			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Vice President		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	59,995 <sup>(9)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	01/17/2014	Common Stock 8,889 \$ 56.54	D Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	01/17/2015	Common Stock 31,214 \$ 21.15	D Â
Restricted Cash Unit	Â (4)	01/17/2010	Common Stock 9,457 \$ (3)	D Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	04/07/2013	Common Stock 20,000 \$ 54.19	D Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	07/17/2015	Common Stock 109,247 \$ 8.47	D Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	07/18/2014	Common Stock 10,000 \$ 49.17	D Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (8)	07/19/2013	Common Stock 20,000 \$ 47.28	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUFFY JAMES J C/O CIT GROUP 505 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Duffy 12/18/2008

\*\*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) Options granted on 1/17/2007 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2010.
- (2) Options granted on 1/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 1/17/2011.
- (3) Each Restricted Cash Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock and was granted based on the closing price of CIT common stock of \$21.15 on 01/17/08 (date of grant).
- (4) Restricted Cash Units vest in 50% increments on each of the first and second anniversary of the date of grant and are payable in cash based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the vest date.
- (5) Options granted on 4/7/2006 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 4/7/2009.

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- (6) Options granted on 7/17/2008 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/17/2011.
- (7) Options granted on 7/18/2007 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/18/2010.
- (8) Options granted on 7/19/2006 and vest in 1/3 increments on each anniversary of the grant date. Options shall be fully vested on 7/19/2009.
- (9) Total includes restricted stock that vest as follows: 2,544 shares shall vest on 4/19/2009; 2,506 shares shall vest on 1/17/2009; 2,506 shares shall vest on 1/17/2010; and 52,439 restricted stock units shall vest 100% on 12/31/2010.

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