

Michael Anthony John  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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	
Michael Anthony John		(Month/Day/Year)	ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC [IAF]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/01/2008	
21 CHURCH STREET, 01-01				
CAPITAL SQUARE TWO				
(Street)				
SINGAPORE, U0 049480				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		
1. Title of Security		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form:	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
Common Stock (par value \$.01)		0	D	

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 Affiliate of Inv. Manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 (par value \$.01)	0	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 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)	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	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Michael Anthony John 21 CHURCH STREET 01-01 CAPITAL SQUARE TWO SINGAPORE, U0 049480	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate of Inv. Manager

## Signatures

/s/ Anthony John Michael, by Victoria M. Szybillo, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a Power of Attorney

10/08/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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