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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Handel Joel M | | (Month/Day/Year) | Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O SEYFARTH SHAW | | 04/25/2012 | | |
| LLP,Â 620 EIGHTH AVENUE | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10018 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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

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|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 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) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Handel Joel M C/O SEYFARTH SHAW LLP 620 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10018 | X | A | A | A |

Signatures

/s/ Joel M.
Handel

04/25/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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