MERCANTILE BANK CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

CLARK EDWARD J

Symbol MERCANTILE BANK CORP

(Check all applicable)

[MBWM]

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

401 AMERICAN SEATING

CENTER

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount

or (D) Price

(A)

Common stock

(Instr. 3)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLARK EDWARD J

401 AMERICAN SEATING CENTER X

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz
Attorney-in-fact
07/18/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Includes shares Mr. Clark acquired since his last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.

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