

Melin Eric G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Melin Eric G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD
 (Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Nalco Holding CO [NLC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/08/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman, Asia Pacific

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Restricted Shares	10/08/2008		A		27,933 (1) \$ 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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options <u>(2)</u>	\$ 14.32	10/08/2008		A	4,937	12/31/2008	10/08/2018	Common Stock	4,937
Stock Options <u>(2)</u>	\$ 14.32	10/08/2008		A	4,938	12/31/2009	10/08/2018	Common Stock	4,938
Stock Options <u>(2)</u>	\$ 14.32	10/08/2008		A	4,938	12/31/2010	10/08/2018	Common Stock	4,938
Stock Options <u>(3)</u>	\$ 14.32	10/08/2008		A	126,968	10/08/2011	10/08/2018	Common Stock	126,968

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Melin Eric G 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198			Chairman, Asia Pacific	

Signatures

/s/ Filomena Trombino as Attorney
in Fact

10/10/2008

__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) Shares granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nalco Holding Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The shares will vest on October 8, 2011, subject to the terms of the Sign-On Restricted Share Award Agreement.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nalco Holding Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, 2008 Stock Option Award.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nalco Holding Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement.

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