

STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 HEMSLEY MAARTEN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 20810 FERNBUSH LANE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/15/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77073

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/15/2008		S			200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 19.0776	258,788	D	
Common Stock	07/15/2008		S			100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 19.4146	258,688	D	
Common Stock	07/15/2008		S			100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 19.52	258,588	D	
Common Stock	07/15/2008		S			100 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 19.53	258,488	D	
Common Stock	07/15/2008		S			200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 19.55	258,288	D	

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Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	200 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.571	258,088	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.5754	257,988	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	200 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.6401	257,788	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.75	257,688	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.7532	257,588	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	200 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.8054	257,388	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.89	257,288	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.9	257,188	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.93	257,088	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	3,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 20	254,088	D
Common Stock	07/15/2008	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 20.05	253,988	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEMSLEY MAARTEN D 20810 FERNBUSH LANE HOUSTON, TX 77073	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Roger M. Barzun, under a Power of Attorney

07/17/2008

\_\_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) These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 16, 2008

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