

DAVITA INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MELLO JOSEPH C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
601 HAWAII ST.  
  
(Street)

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DAVITA INC [DVA]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/18/2008**

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)

Chief Operating Officer

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/18/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>		75,000	A	\$ 46
							79,688
Common Stock	08/18/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>		75,000	D	\$ 58.8897
							4,688
Common Stock	08/18/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>		25,000	A	\$ 49.7
							29,688
Common Stock	08/18/2008		F		20,705	D	\$ 60.01
							8,983
Common Stock	08/18/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>		4,295	D	\$ 58.8897
							4,688

(3)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46	08/18/2008		M <sup>(4)</sup>	75,000	03/30/2007	09/22/2010	Common Stock	75,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 49.7	08/18/2008		M <sup>(4)</sup>	25,000	07/01/2007	07/01/2011	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MELLO JOSEPH C 601 HAWAII ST. EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk  
Attorney-in-Fact  
08/20/2008

\*\*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) The acquisition of these shares was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.

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- (2) The sale of these shares was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.
- (3) The range of prices for the sale of these shares was \$58.23 to \$59.90. The filer undertakes to provide staff, the issuer, or a security holder full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) The exercise of this award was completed in accordance with a 10b5-1 sales plan.

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