

MINICUCCI BENITO  
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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 \*  
MINICUCCI BENITO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ALASKA AIRLINES,  
INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL  
BLVD SO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXEC VP/OPS AND COO

(Street)  
SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	12/14/2009		M	A	\$ 21.05	1,850	D
COMMON STOCK	12/14/2009		M	A	\$ 23.36	1,639	D
COMMON STOCK	12/14/2009		S	D	\$ 34.541	0	D
COMMON STOCK						1,676	D
COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>						38,120	D

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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)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 21.05	12/14/2009		M	1,850	06/04/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/04/2014	COMMON
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 23.36	12/14/2009		M	1,639	11/06/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/06/2017	COMMON

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINICUCCI BENITO C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO SEATTLE, WA 98188			EXEC VP/OPS AND COO	

**Signatures**

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR BENITO MINICUCCI 12/15/2009

\*\*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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
  - (2) OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON JUNE 4, 2005, 2006, 2007 AND 2008.
  - (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN 25% INSTALLMENTS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007 AND 2008.

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