

LEVY MICHAEL F
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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 *
LEVY MICHAEL F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
[AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC., 201
ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, 12TH
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & COO, Avatar Properties

(Street)
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 12/22/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 75,000 | A | <u>(2)</u> 121,751 | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$1.00 | 12/22/2008 | | F | | 27,292 | D | \$ <u>(3)</u> 27.49 94,459 | D |
| Common Stock, | | | | | 1,500 | I | | By Children |

\$1.00 par value

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/22/2008 | | C | 75,000 | 12/22/2008 12/22/2008 | Common Stock | 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEVY MICHAEL F AVATAR HOLDINGS INC. 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, 12TH FLOOR CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 | | | EVP & COO, Avatar Properties | |

Signatures

Michael F. Levy 12/24/2008

**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) Exchange of performance conditioned Restricted Stock Units for performance conditioned restricted shares of Issuer's Common Stock.
- (2) The units convert to Common Stock of the Issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.

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- (3) Represents 27,292 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock withheld by Issuer in payment of Reporting Person's tax liability upon the exchange of 75,000 performance conditioned Restricted Stock Units at a price of \$27.49 per share.

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