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	ddress of Reporting	Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	Name and GENER			-	5. Relationship of Issuer		
(Last)	(First) (M	Aiddle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction			(Chec	k all applicable	;)
333 E. FRA	NKLIN STREET		(Month/Da 10/24/20	-				Director X Officer (give below) VP, Chie		b Owner er (specify ficer
	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0	One Reporting Pe	erson
RICHMONI	D, VA 23219							Person	Iore than One Re	eporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Di (D)	ispose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	10/24/2012			М	7,133 (1)	А	\$ 2.16	85,633	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/24/2012			S	4,922 (1)	D	\$ 4.23	80,711	D	
Class A Common Stock								15,402	I	401(k)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.16	10/24/2012		М	7,133	01/29/2009	01/29/2019	Class A Common Stock	7,133

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Ot			
MAHONEY GEORGE L 333 E. FRANKLIN STREET RICHMOND, VA 23219			VP, Chief Opera	ting Officer				
Signatures								
/s/ George L. Mahoney, by And Attorney-in-fact	drew C. C	Carington,		10/25/2012				
<u>**</u> Signature of Re	eporting Pers	on		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) As a result of this cashless exercise of stock options, Mr. Mahoney acquired 2,211 additional shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Additionally, 20,112 derivative Class A common shares are held directly under the Company's deferred compensation plan, final balance of which is distributed upon employee's termination of service.

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(b) /X/	(3) SEC Use Only
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Type of Reporting Person* BK	
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Group* (a) / / (b) /X/	
	(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England
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	(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9)
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Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.00%	
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BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Unicorn House 5th floor 252 Romford Road, Forest Gate London 37 9JB England ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP England
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number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1. (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
1,733,498 (b) Percent of Class: 5.98%
(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 1,610,383 (ii) shared
power to vote or to direct the vote (iii) sole power to dispose o to direct the disposition of 1,610,383 (iv) shared power to
dispose or to direct the disposition of ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP
OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date
hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities,
check the following. // ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER
PERSON The shares reported are held by the company in trust accounts for the economic benefit of the beneficiaries
of those accounts. See also Items 2(a) above. ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE
SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING
COMPANY Not applicable ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP Not applicable ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP Not applicable ITEM 10.
CERTIFICATION (a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section
240.13d-1(b): By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above
were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose
of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect. (b) The following
certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(c): By signing below I certify
that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the
purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not
acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.
SIGNATURE After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set
forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. February 13, 2004 Date
Signature Nancy Yeung Manager of Global Accounting
Name/Title