

SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP  
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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 \*  
**ROLFS STEPHEN J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP [SXT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/04/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP, Controller and CAO**

**MILWAUKEE, WI 53202**

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/04/2008		A	V 8,000 (1)	\$ 0 42,800 (2)	D	
Common Stock					3,043.162	I	ESOP (3)
Common Stock					1,481.381	I	Savings Plan (4)
Common Stock					767.96	I	Supplemental Benefit Plan (5)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.375					01/31/2001 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/31/2010	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22					12/11/2001 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/11/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.54					12/10/2002 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/10/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.19					12/09/2003 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/09/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.4					12/08/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/08/2013	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23					12/06/2005 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/06/2014	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROLFS STEPHEN J 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202			VP, Controller and CAO	

## Signatures

/s/ John L. Hammond, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Rolfs 12/08/2008

\_\_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) Represents grant of restricted stock under Issuer's 2002 Stock Option plan.
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock held under Issuer's 1998 and 2002 Stock Option Plans.
- (3) Represents shares held in Issuer's ESOP as of the most recent statement date.
- (4) Represents shares held in Issuer's Savings Plan as of the most recent statement date.
- (5) Represents shares held in Issuer's Supplemental Benefit Plan as of the most recent statement date.
- (6) Original option grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column.

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