

PALMISANO SAMUEL J
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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 *
 PALMISANO SAMUEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, Pres., and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 IBM CORPORATION, NEW ORCHARD ROAD
 (Street)
 ARMONK, NY 10504
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2009
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 02/01/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 130,376 | A | \$ 0 | 165,263.1772 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/01/2009 | | F | | 55,253 | D | \$ 92.36 | 110,010.1772 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 309 | I ⁽²⁾ | daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 529 | I ⁽²⁾ | son 1 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 309 | I ⁽²⁾ | son 2 |

Common Stock 194,404 I (2) spouse

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PALMISANO SAMUEL J IBM CORPORATION NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504 | X | | Chairman, Pres., and CEO | |

Signatures

D. Cummins for S. J. Palmisano by power-of-attorney 02/03/2009
 **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) These shares result from performance share units which vested at the end of the performance period (2006-2008) and were payable in cash or the company's common stock on the transaction date shown.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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