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GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC
Form N-Q
November 29, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-04700

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center
Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Bruce N. Alpert
Gabelli Funds, LLC
One Corporate Center
Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2005

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. ss. 3507.

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES ----- | | MARKET VALUE* ----- |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| | COMMON STOCKS -- 94.1% | |
| | ENERGY AND UTILITIES -- 8.6% | |
| 70,000 | AES Corp.+ | 1,150,100 |
| 10,000 | AGL Resources Inc. | 371,100 |
| 120,000 | Allegheny Energy Inc.+ | 3,686,400 |
| 70,000 | Apache Corp. | 5,265,400 |
| 247,000 | BP plc, ADR | 17,499,950 |
| 275,000 | Burlington Resources Inc. | 22,363,000 |
| 115,000 | CH Energy Group Inc. | 5,460,200 |
| 40,000 | Cinergy Corp. | 1,776,400 |
| 91,200 | CMS Energy Corp.+ | 1,500,240 |
| 204,000 | ConocoPhillips | 14,261,640 |
| 8,000 | Constellation Energy Group | 492,800 |
| 30,000 | DPL Inc. | 834,000 |
| 14,000 | DTE Energy Co. | 642,040 |
| 250,000 | Duke Energy Corp. | 7,292,500 |
| 110,000 | Duquesne Light Holdings Inc. ... | 1,893,100 |
| 210,000 | El Paso Corp. | 2,919,000 |
| 370,000 | El Paso Electric Co.+ | 7,714,500 |
| 50,000 | Energy East Corp. | 1,259,500 |
| 80,000 | Eni SpA | 2,375,819 |
| 80,000 | Exxon Mobil Corp. | 5,083,200 |
| 20,000 | FPL Group Inc. | 952,000 |
| 70,000 | Halliburton Co. | 4,796,400 |
| 19,999 | Kerr-McGee Corp. | 1,942,103 |
| 10,000 | Marathon Oil Corp. | 689,300 |
| 140,000 | Mirant Corp.+ | 199,500 |
| 10,000 | NiSource Inc. | 242,500 |
| 300,000 | Northeast Utilities | 5,985,000 |
| 1,000 | PetroChina Co. Ltd., ADR | 83,370 |
| 23,000 | Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR | 1,644,270 |
| 100,000 | Progress Energy Inc., CVO+ | 9,000 |
| 30,000 | Saipem SpA | 505,859 |
| 30,000 | SJW Corp. | 1,448,400 |
| 20,000 | Southwest Gas Corp. | 547,800 |
| 75,000 | Spinnaker Exploration Co.+ | 4,851,750 |
| 8,657 | Total SA | 2,362,844 |
| 54,000 | TXU Corp. | 6,095,520 |
| 200 | Vectren Corp. | 5,670 |
| 255,000 | Westar Energy Inc. | 6,153,150 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 142,355,325 |
| | | ----- |
| | FOOD AND BEVERAGE -- 8.2% | |
| 85,000 | Ajinomoto Co. Inc. | 894,027 |
| 8,000 | Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. .. | 344,320 |
| 83,000 | Cadbury Schweppes plc | 837,378 |
| 40,000 | Cadbury Schweppes plc, ADR | 1,629,200 |
| 90,000 | Campbell Soup Co. | 2,677,500 |
| 60,000 | Coca-Cola Co. | 2,591,400 |
| 5,000 | Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. | 97,500 |
| 40,000 | Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co. SA | 1,159,546 |

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| 100,000 | Corn Products International Inc. | 2,017,000 |
| | | MARKET |
| | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| 60,000 | Del Monte Foods Co.+ | 643,800 |
| 10,108 | Denny's Corp.+ | 41,948 |
| 100,000 | Diageo plc | 1,437,490 |
| 224,000 | Diageo plc, ADR | 12,994,240 |
| 250,000 | Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Holdings Inc., Cl. A | 20,522,500 |
| 90,000 | Flowers Foods Inc. | 2,455,200 |
| 35,641 | Fomento Economico Mexicano SA de CV, ADR | 2,492,019 |
| 175,000 | General Mills Inc. | 8,435,000 |
| 40,000 | Groupe Danone | 4,309,837 |
| 500,000 | Grupo Bimbo SA de CV, Cl. A | 1,627,312 |
| 20,000 | Hain Celestial Group Inc.+ | 388,000 |
| 130,000 | Heinz (H.J.) Co. | 4,750,200 |
| 25,000 | Hershey Co. | 1,407,750 |
| 160,000 | Kellogg Co. | 7,380,800 |
| 75,000 | Kerry Group plc, Cl. A | 1,744,448 |
| 12,100 | LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA | 997,608 |
| 2,500 | Nestle SA | 731,915 |
| 480,000 | PepsiAmericas Inc. | 10,910,400 |
| 350,000 | PepsiCo Inc. | 19,848,500 |
| 6,750 | Pernod-Ricard SA | 1,191,725 |
| 68,200 | Ralcorp Holdings Inc. | 2,858,944 |
| 90,000 | Sara Lee Corp. | 1,705,500 |
| 2,000 | Smucker (J.M.) Co. | 97,080 |
| 112,270 | Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. ... | 3,564,573 |
| 170,000 | Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co. | 12,219,600 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 137,004,260 |
| | | ----- |
| | FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 7.9% | |
| 7,000 | Allianz AG | 945,111 |
| 5,000 | Allstate Corp. | 276,450 |
| 550,000 | American Express Co. | 31,592,000 |
| 32,000 | Argonaut Group Inc.+ | 864,320 |
| 95,000 | Aviva plc | 1,043,063 |
| 90,000 | Banco Santander Central Hispano SA, ADR | 1,185,300 |
| 100,000 | Bank of Ireland | 1,580,434 |
| 75,000 | Bank of New York Co. Inc. | 2,205,750 |
| 275,000 | Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG+ | 988,222 |
| 260 | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A+ | 21,320,000 |
| 7,500 | Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A | 185,100 |
| 45,000 | Citigroup Inc. | 2,048,400 |
| 185,000 | Commerzbank AG, ADR | 5,080,951 |
| 19,000 | Credit Suisse Group | 840,987 |
| 152,000 | Deutsche Bank AG, ADR | 14,215,040 |
| 20,000 | Dun and Bradstreet Corp.+ | 1,317,400 |
| 20,000 | H&R Block Inc. | 479,600 |
| 75,000 | Irish Life & Permanent plc | 1,365,603 |
| 200,000 | Janus Capital Group Inc. | 2,890,000 |

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 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES ----- | | MARKET VALUE* ----- |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) | |
| | FINANCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED) | |
| 55,000 | JPMorgan Chase & Co.\$ | 1,866,150 |
| 78,000 | Leucadia National Corp. | 3,361,800 |
| 100,000 | MBNA Corp. | 2,464,000 |
| 100,000 | Mellon Financial Corp. | 3,197,000 |
| 189,000 | Midland Co. | 6,809,670 |
| 60,000 | Moody's Corp. | 3,064,800 |
| 128,750 | Nikko Cordial Corp. | 1,489,154 |
| 145,000 | Phoenix Companies Inc. | 1,769,000 |
| 2,500 | Prudential Financial Inc. | 168,900 |
| 45,000 | Schwab (Charles) Corp. | 649,350 |
| 3,000 | St. Paul Travelers Companies Inc. | 134,610 |
| 50,000 | Standard Chartered plc | 1,078,559 |
| 80,000 | State Street Corp. | 3,913,600 |
| 20,000 | SunTrust Banks Inc. | 1,389,000 |
| 78,500 | T. Rowe Price Group Inc. | 5,126,050 |
| 20,000 | UBS AG | 1,699,432 |
| 70,000 | Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A | 1,355,200 |
| 53,000 | Westpac Banking Corp. | 852,818 |
| | | ----- 130,812,824 ----- |
| | TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 7.4% | |
| 5,000 | ALLTEL Corp. | 325,550 |
| 585,000 | AT&T Corp. | 11,583,000 |
| 90,540 | ATX Communications Inc.+ | 1,032 |
| 265,000 | BCE Inc. | 7,271,600 |
| 30,000 | Brasil Telecom Participacoes SA, ADR | 1,275,900 |
| 1,760,000 | BT Group plc | 6,899,249 |
| 4,440,836 | Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd.+ . | 92,332 |
| 930,000 | Cincinnati Bell Inc.+ | 4,101,300 |
| 80,000 | Citizens Communications Co. | 1,084,000 |
| 170,000 | Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises Inc. | 6,409,000 |
| 110,000 | Compania de Telecomunicaciones de Chile SA, ADR | 1,193,500 |
| 170,000 | Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR | 3,100,800 |
| 15,000 | Embratel Participacoes SA, ADR+ | 174,750 |
| 5,000 | France Telecom SA, ADR | 143,750 |
| 233 | KDDI Corp. | 1,313,601 |
| 100,000 | KPN NV | 896,581 |
| 1,000,000 | Qwest Communications International Inc.+ | 4,100,000 |
| 130,000 | SBC Communications Inc. | 3,116,100 |
| 532,387 | Sprint Nextel Corp. | 12,660,163 |
| 186,554 | Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, ADR | 3,083,738 |

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| 50,000 | Telecom Argentina SA, Cl. B, ADR+ | 645,500 |
| 1,788,075 | Telecom Italia SpA | 5,813,043 |
| 254,800 | Telefonica SA, ADR | 12,566,736 |
| 18,298 | Telefonica SA, BDR | 299,470 |

| SHARES | | MARKET VALUE* |
|---------|---|------------------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| 64,000 | Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV, Cl. L, ADR | \$ 1,361,280 |
| 310,000 | Telephone & Data Systems Inc. .. | 12,090,000 |
| 390,000 | Telephone & Data Systems Inc., Special | 14,644,500 |
| 2,500 | TELUS Corp. | 104,323 |
| 47,500 | TELUS Corp., ADR | 1,985,374 |
| 140,060 | Verizon Communications Inc. | 4,578,561 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 122,914,733 |
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| | ENTERTAINMENT -- 6.7% | |
| 160,000 | Canal Plus, ADR+ | 296,000 |
| 220,000 | Discovery Holding Co., Cl. A+ .. | 3,176,800 |
| 1,600 | DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., Cl. A+ | 44,256 |
| 110,000 | EMI Group plc | 470,491 |
| 80,000 | EMI Group plc, ADR | 686,408 |
| 50,000 | GC Companies Inc.+ (a) | 43,000 |
| 650,000 | Gemstar-TV Guide International Inc.+ | 1,924,000 |
| 173,000 | Grupo Televisa SA, ADR | 12,405,830 |
| 2,200,000 | Liberty Media Corp., Cl. A+ | 17,710,000 |
| 17,500 | Oriental Land Co. Ltd. | 1,000,484 |
| 160,000 | Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd. . | 2,010,829 |
| 1,629,500 | Rank Group plc | 8,579,186 |
| 12,000 | Regal Entertainment Group, Cl. A | 240,480 |
| 153,500 | Six Flags Inc.+ | 1,103,665 |
| 260,000 | The Walt Disney Co. | 6,273,800 |
| 810,000 | Time Warner Inc. | 14,669,100 |
| 842,000 | Viacom Inc., Cl. A | 27,971,240 |
| 43,900 | Vivendi Universal SA | 1,432,996 |
| 330,000 | Vivendi Universal SA, ADR | 10,800,900 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 110,839,465 |
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| | DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL -- 5.7% | |
| 170,000 | Acuity Brands Inc. | 5,043,900 |
| 195,000 | Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp. | 3,022,500 |
| 25,000 | Bouygues SA | 1,161,889 |
| 160,000 | Cooper Industries Ltd., Cl. A .. | 11,062,400 |
| 250,000 | Crane Co. | 7,435,000 |
| 100,500 | CRH plc | 2,723,725 |
| 110,000 | GATX Corp. | 4,350,500 |
| 233,000 | Greif Inc., Cl. A | 14,003,300 |
| 5,000 | Greif Inc., Cl. B | 287,850 |
| 415,500 | Honeywell International Inc. ... | 15,581,250 |
| 130,000 | ITT Industries Inc. | 14,768,000 |
| 390,000 | Lamson & Sessions Co.+ | 7,144,800 |
| 98,000 | Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.+ | 1,720,880 |
| 4,000 | Sulzer AG | 2,026,959 |
| 30,000 | Technip SA | 1,775,374 |

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| 50,000 | Trinity Industries Inc. | 2,024,500 |
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| | | 94,132,827 |
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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES | | MARKET |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| ----- | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| | COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) | |
| | PUBLISHING -- 5.5% | |
| 18,000 | Dow Jones & Co. Inc. | \$ 687,420 |
| 348,266 | Independent News & Media plc ... | 1,017,110 |
| 20,000 | Knight-Ridder Inc. | 1,173,600 |
| 5,000 | McClatchy Co., Cl. A | 326,150 |
| 200,000 | McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. | 9,608,000 |
| 330,000 | Media General Inc., Cl. A | 19,143,300 |
| 124,000 | Meredith Corp. | 6,186,360 |
| 80,000 | New York Times Co., Cl. A | 2,380,000 |
| 1,744,800 | News Corp., Cl. A | 27,201,432 |
| 20,000 | News Corp., Cl. B | 330,000 |
| 200,000 | Penton Media Inc.+ | 100,000 |
| 400,000 | PRIMEDIA Inc.+ | 1,636,000 |
| 175,000 | Reader's Digest | |
| | Association Inc. | 2,794,750 |
| 261,319 | SCMP Group Ltd. | 97,691 |
| 150,000 | Scripps (E.W.) Co., Cl. A | 7,495,500 |
| 66,585 | Seat Pagine Gialle SpA+ | 32,810 |
| 80,000 | Thomas Nelson Inc. | 1,500,800 |
| 300,800 | Tribune Co. | 10,194,112 |
| 4,000 | VNU NV | 125,714 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 92,030,749 |
| | | ----- |
| | CABLE AND SATELLITE -- 5.3% | |
| 1,500,000 | Cablevision Systems Corp., | |
| | Cl. A+ | 46,005,000 |
| 330,000 | Comcast Corp., Cl. A+ | 9,695,400 |
| 85,000 | Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special+ . | 2,446,300 |
| 153,444 | DIRECTV Group Inc.+ | 2,298,591 |
| 55,000 | EchoStar Communications | |
| | Corp., Cl. A | 1,626,350 |
| 156,770 | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A+ | 4,245,332 |
| 156,770 | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C+ | 4,036,827 |
| 50,000 | Loral Space & | |
| | Communications Ltd.+ | 3,500 |
| 407,845 | Rogers Communications | |
| | Inc., Cl. B, New York | 16,089,485 |
| 9,655 | Rogers Communications | |
| | Inc., Cl. B, Toronto | 380,054 |
| 80,000 | Shaw Communications | |
| | Inc., Cl. B, New York | 1,677,600 |
| 20,000 | Shaw Communications | |
| | Inc., Cl. B, Toronto | 418,065 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 88,922,504 |

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| CONSUMER PRODUCTS -- 4.3% | | |
| 60,000 | Altadis SA | 2,687,579 |
| 50,000 | Avon Products Inc. | 1,350,000 |
| 43,000 | Christian Dior SA | 3,547,804 |
| 15,000 | Church & Dwight Co. Inc. | 554,100 |
| 33,000 | Clorox Co. | 1,832,820 |
| 10,000 | Colgate-Palmolive Co. | 527,900 |
| | | ----- |
| | | MARKET |
| SHARES | | VALUE* |
| ----- | | ----- |
| 90,000 | Compagnie Financiere | |
| | Richemont AG, Cl. A\$ | 3,563,014 |
| 50,000 | Department 56 Inc.+ | 625,000 |
| 30,000 | Energizer Holdings Inc.+ | 1,701,000 |
| 30,000 | Fortune Brands Inc. | 2,439,900 |
| 30,000 | Gallaher Group plc | 465,641 |
| 234,000 | Gallaher Group plc, ADR | 14,529,060 |
| 110,000 | Gillette Co. | 6,402,000 |
| 2,000 | Givaudan SA | 1,280,754 |
| 42,000 | Harley-Davidson Inc. | 2,034,480 |
| 15,000 | Matsushita Electric | |
| | Industrial Co. Ltd., ADR | 256,650 |
| 60,000 | Mattel Inc. | 1,000,800 |
| 75,000 | Maytag Corp. | 1,369,500 |
| 35,000 | National Presto | |
| | Industries Inc. | 1,498,350 |
| 180,000 | Procter & Gamble Co. | 10,702,800 |
| 50,000 | Reckitt Benckiser plc | 1,523,034 |
| 10,000 | Swatch Group AG, Cl. B | 1,377,313 |
| 890,000 | Swedish Match AB | 10,616,895 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 71,886,394 |
| | | ----- |
| HEALTH CARE -- 3.6% | | |
| 10,000 | Abbott Laboratories | 424,000 |
| 52,000 | Amgen Inc.+ | 4,142,840 |
| 19,146 | AstraZeneca plc | 891,356 |
| 27,000 | Biogen Idec Inc.+ | 1,065,960 |
| 135,000 | Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. | 3,248,100 |
| 65,036 | GlaxoSmithKline plc | 1,654,118 |
| 4,000 | GlaxoSmithKline plc, ADR | 205,120 |
| 30,000 | Henry Schein Inc.+ | 1,278,600 |
| 10,000 | Hospira Inc.+ | 409,700 |
| 15,000 | INAMED Corp.+ | 1,135,200 |
| 40,000 | Invitrogen Corp.+ | 3,009,200 |
| 10,000 | IVAX Corp.+ | 263,600 |
| 100,000 | Merck & Co. Inc. | 2,721,000 |
| 2,000 | Nobel Biocare Holding AG | 471,206 |
| 41,000 | Novartis AG | 2,079,217 |
| 105,000 | Novartis AG, ADR | 5,355,000 |
| 283,000 | Pfizer Inc. | 7,066,510 |
| 35,000 | Renal Care Group Inc.+ | 1,656,200 |
| 18,100 | Roche Holding AG | 2,513,908 |
| 26,808 | Sanofi-Aventis | 2,215,071 |
| 100,000 | Schering-Plough Corp. | 2,105,000 |
| 80,000 | Smith & Nephew plc | 671,652 |
| 4,250 | Straumann Holding AG | 1,138,378 |
| 60,000 | Sybron Dental | |
| | Specialties Inc.+ | 2,494,800 |
| 10,000 | Synthes Inc. | 1,169,518 |

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| 23,000 | Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. . . | 1,369,627 |
| 82,000 | William Demant Holding A/S+ | 3,842,976 |
| 100,000 | Wyeth | 4,627,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 59,224,857 |
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES | | MARKET |
|-----------|---|--------------|
| ----- | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| | COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) | |
| | HOTELS AND GAMING -- 3.2% | |
| 115,000 | Aztar Corp.+ | \$ 3,543,150 |
| 200,000 | Gaylord Entertainment Co.+ | 9,530,000 |
| 55,000 | Greek Organization of | |
| | Football Prognostics SA | 1,708,070 |
| 16,000 | GTECH Holdings Corp. | 512,960 |
| 8,000 | Harrah's Entertainment Inc. | 521,520 |
| 2,875,000 | Hilton Group plc | 15,947,987 |
| 600,000 | Hilton Hotels Corp. | 13,392,000 |
| 10,200 | Kerzner International Ltd.+ | 566,610 |
| 5,000 | Las Vegas Sands Corp.+ | 164,550 |
| 118,000 | MGM Mirage+ | 5,164,860 |
| 38,000 | Starwood Hotels & Resorts | |
| | Worldwide Inc. | 2,172,460 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 53,224,167 |
| | | ----- |
| | AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 3.1% | |
| 60,000 | BorgWarner Inc. | 3,387,600 |
| 200,000 | CLARCOR Inc. | 5,744,000 |
| 390,000 | Dana Corp. | 3,669,900 |
| 300,000 | Genuine Parts Co. | 12,870,000 |
| 120,000 | Johnson Controls Inc. | 7,446,000 |
| 116,000 | Midas Inc.+ | 2,306,080 |
| 330,000 | Modine Manufacturing Co. | 12,104,400 |
| 182,774 | Proliance International Inc.+ .. | 1,001,602 |
| 80,500 | Scheib (Earl) Inc.+ | 301,875 |
| 160,000 | Standard Motor Products Inc. ... | 1,297,600 |
| 30,000 | Superior Industries | |
| | International Inc. | 645,600 |
| 27,000 | TI Automotive Ltd.+ (a) | 0 |
| 30,000 | TRW Automotive Holdings Corp.+ . | 880,200 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 51,654,857 |
| | | ----- |
| | EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES -- 2.9% | |
| 205,000 | AMETEK Inc. | 8,808,850 |
| 2,000 | Amphenol Corp., Cl. A | 80,680 |
| 94,000 | CIRCOR International Inc. | 2,580,300 |
| 213,000 | Donaldson Co. Inc. | 6,502,890 |
| 70,000 | Fedders Corp. | 149,800 |
| 115,000 | Flowserve Corp.+ | 4,180,250 |
| 24,000 | Franklin Electric Co. Inc. | 993,360 |
| 100,000 | Gerber Scientific Inc.+ | 784,000 |

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| 70,000 | GrafTech International Ltd.+ ... | 380,100 |
| 250,000 | IDEX Corp. | 10,637,500 |
| 40,000 | Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd., Cl. A . | 1,529,200 |
| 107,000 | Lufkin Industries Inc. | 4,659,850 |
| 1,000 | Manitowoc Co. Inc. | 50,250 |
| 11,000 | Mueller Industries Inc. | 305,470 |
| 1,000 | Sealed Air Corp.+ | 47,460 |
| 230,000 | Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A | 6,635,500 |
| 100,000 | Weir Group plc | 675,532 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 49,000,992 |
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| SHARES | | MARKET |
| ----- | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| | RETAIL -- 2.9% | |
| 260,000 | Albertson's Inc. | \$ 6,669,000 |
| 230,000 | AutoNation Inc.+ | 4,593,100 |
| 40,000 | Coldwater Creek Inc.+ | 1,008,800 |
| 20,000 | Costco Wholesale Corp. | 861,800 |
| 38,000 | Matsumotokiyoshi Co. Ltd. | 1,235,201 |
| 320,000 | Neiman Marcus Group Inc., Cl. B | 31,945,600 |
| 30,000 | Next plc | 736,559 |
| 44,800 | Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd.+ ... | 1,483,862 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 48,533,922 |
| | | ----- |
| | AVIATION: PARTS AND SERVICES -- 2.1% | |
| 200,000 | Curtiss-Wright Corp. | 12,342,000 |
| 129,600 | Fairchild Corp., Cl. A+ | 300,672 |
| 220,000 | GenCorp Inc.+ | 4,103,000 |
| 180,000 | Precision Castparts Corp. | 9,558,000 |
| 84,000 | Sequa Corp., Cl. A+ | 4,956,000 |
| 74,600 | Sequa Corp., Cl. B+ | 4,485,698 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 35,745,370 |
| | | ----- |
| | WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS -- 1.7% | |
| 234,000 | America Movil SA de CV, Cl. L, ADR | 6,158,880 |
| 1,500 | NTT DoCoMo Inc. | 2,669,133 |
| 2,760,000 | O2 plc | 7,679,374 |
| 24,787 | Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participacoes SA, ADR | 224,570 |
| 1,920 | Tele Leste Celular Participacoes SA, ADR+ | 12,749 |
| 3,340 | Tele Norte Celular Participacoes SA, ADR+ | 25,217 |
| 90,000 | Telefonica Moviles SA | 998,378 |
| 8,350 | Telemig Celular Participacoes SA, ADR | 282,230 |
| 270 | Telesp Celular Participacoes SA+ | 943 |
| 90,217 | Telesp Celular Participacoes SA, ADR | 352,748 |
| 5,845 | Telesp Celular Participacoes SA, Pfd.+ | 23,247 |
| 32,165 | Tim Participacoes SA, ADR | 597,626 |
| 100,000 | United States Cellular Corp.+ .. | 5,342,000 |

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|---------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 553,888 | Vodafone Group plc | 1,440,991 |
| 90,000 | Vodafone Group plc, ADR | 2,337,300 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 28,145,386 |
| | | ----- |
| | COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT -- 1.6% | |
| 50,000 | Agere Systems Inc.+ | 520,500 |
| 45,000 | Andrew Corp.+ | 501,750 |
| 515,000 | Corning Inc.+ | 9,954,950 |
| 180,000 | Lucent Technologies Inc.+ | 585,000 |
| 110,000 | Motorola Inc. | 2,429,900 |
| 150,000 | Nortel Networks Corp.+ | 489,000 |
| 44,000 | Scientific-Atlanta Inc. | 1,650,440 |
| 300,000 | Thomas & Betts Corp.+ | 10,323,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 26,454,540 |
| | | ----- |

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES | | MARKET |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| ----- | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| | COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) | |
| | AGRICULTURE -- 1.5% | |
| 1,000,000 | Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.\$ | 24,660,000 |
| 5,000 | Delta & Pine Land Co. | 132,050 |
| 10,000 | Mosaic Co.+ | 160,200 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 24,952,250 |
| | | ----- |
| | CONSUMER SERVICES -- 1.5% | |
| 110,000 | Expedia Inc.+ | 2,179,100 |
| 230,000 | IAC/InterActiveCorp+ | 5,830,500 |
| 840,000 | Rollins Inc. | 16,396,800 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 24,406,400 |
| | | ----- |
| | MACHINERY -- 1.2% | |
| 20,000 | Caterpillar Inc. | 1,175,000 |
| 320,000 | Deere & Co. | 19,584,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 20,759,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | AEROSPACE -- 1.2% | |
| 110,000 | Boeing Co. | 7,474,500 |
| 30,000 | Lockheed Martin Corp. | 1,831,200 |
| 180,000 | Northrop Grumman Corp. | 9,783,000 |
| 80,000 | Rolls-Royce Group plc+ | 527,021 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 19,615,721 |
| | | ----- |
| | BROADCASTING -- 1.1% | |
| 2,000 | Cogeco Inc. | 46,882 |
| 16,666 | Corus Entertainment Inc., | |
| | Cl. B | 482,275 |
| 120,000 | Gray Television Inc. | 1,270,800 |

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| | | |
|---------|---|------------|
| 27,500 | Gray Television Inc., Cl. A | 272,250 |
| 199,000 | Liberty Corp. | 9,331,110 |
| 50,000 | Lin TV Corp., Cl. A+ | 697,500 |
| 165,000 | Mediaset SpA | 1,952,316 |
| 30,000 | Modern Times Group, Cl. B+ | 1,129,718 |
| 7,800 | Nippon Television Network Corp. | 1,200,370 |
| 110,000 | Paxson Communications Corp.+ ... | 49,500 |
| 100,000 | Television Broadcasts Ltd. | 611,678 |
| 130,000 | Young Broadcasting Inc., Cl. A+ | 453,700 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 17,498,099 |
| | | ----- |
| | REAL ESTATE -- 1.0% | |
| 70,000 | Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. | 790,476 |
| 98,000 | Florida East Coast Industries Inc. | 4,438,420 |
| 55,000 | Griffin Land & Nurseries Inc.+ . | 1,347,500 |
| 167,000 | St. Joe Co. | 10,429,150 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 17,005,546 |
| | | ----- |
| | ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -- 1.0% | |
| 65,000 | Republic Services Inc. | 2,293,850 |
| 500,000 | Waste Management Inc. | 14,305,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 16,598,850 |
| | | ----- |
| | | MARKET |
| | | VALUE* |
| | | ----- |
| SHARES | | |
| ----- | | |
| | SPECIALTY CHEMICALS -- 1.0% | |
| 5,400 | Ciba Specialty Chemicals AG, ADR\$ | 158,220 |
| 20,000 | E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. | 783,400 |
| 325,000 | Ferro Corp. | 5,954,000 |
| 39,000 | Fuller (H.B.) Co. | 1,212,120 |
| 120,000 | Hercules Inc.+ | 1,466,400 |
| 232,300 | Omnova Solutions Inc.+ | 1,015,151 |
| 300,000 | Sensient Technologies Corp. | 5,685,000 |
| 10,000 | Syngenta AG, ADR | 210,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 16,484,291 |
| | | ----- |
| | ELECTRONICS -- 0.8% | |
| 10,000 | Advanced Micro Devices Inc.+ ... | 252,000 |
| 3,000 | Hitachi Ltd., ADR | 190,170 |
| 5,200 | Keyence Corp. | 1,307,329 |
| 20,000 | Molex Inc., Cl. A | 514,200 |
| 7,500 | NEC Corp., ADR | 40,650 |
| 9,500 | Rohm Co. Ltd. | 824,304 |
| 38,000 | Royal Philips Electronics NV, ADR | 1,013,840 |
| 265,000 | Texas Instruments Inc. | 8,983,500 |
| 17,000 | Tokyo Electron Ltd. | 903,013 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 14,029,006 |
| | | ----- |
| | AUTOMOTIVE -- 0.8% | |

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|---------|---|------------|
| 335,000 | Navistar International Corp.+ .. | 10,864,050 |
| 43,000 | PACCAR Inc. | 2,919,270 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 13,783,320 |
| | | ----- |
| | METALS AND MINING -- 0.6% | |
| 72,500 | Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd.+ .. | 814,735 |
| 35,000 | Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd., ADR+ | 382,900 |
| 55,000 | Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.+ | 459,800 |
| 125,000 | Newmont Mining Corp. | 5,896,250 |
| 40,000 | Novelis Inc. | 857,600 |
| 50,000 | Placer Dome Inc. | 857,500 |
| 45,000 | Xstrata plc | 1,165,955 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 10,434,740 |
| | | ----- |
| | BUSINESS SERVICES -- 0.6% | |
| 7,050 | Acco Brands Corp.+ | 198,951 |
| 60,000 | ANC Rental Corp.+ | 303 |
| 140,000 | Cendant Corp. | 2,889,600 |
| 1,000 | CheckFree Corp.+ | 37,820 |
| 186,554 | Contax Participacoes SA, ADR+ .. | 115,887 |
| 212,500 | Group 4 Securicor plc | 566,894 |
| 95,000 | Landauer Inc. | 4,655,000 |
| 72,500 | Nashua Corp.+ | 449,500 |
| 25,000 | Secom Co. Ltd. | 1,202,431 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 10,116,386 |
| | | ----- |

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| SHARES | | MARKET VALUE* |
|--------|---|------------------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| | COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED) | |
| | CLOSED-END FUNDS -- 0.3% | |
| 75,000 | Central Europe and Russia Fund Inc. | \$ 3,682,500 |
| 70,000 | New Germany Fund Inc. | 732,900 |
| 31,500 | Royce Value Trust Inc. | 626,220 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 5,041,620 |
| | | ----- |
| | MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES -- 0.3% | |
| 70,000 | Champion Enterprises Inc.+ | 1,034,600 |
| 50,000 | Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.+ | 615,000 |
| 32,222 | Huttig Building Products Inc.+ .. | 291,609 |
| 13,000 | Martin Marietta Materials Inc. . | 1,019,980 |
| 10,000 | Nobility Homes Inc. | 261,000 |
| 80,000 | Sekisui House Ltd. | 980,268 |
| 20,000 | Skyline Corp. | 812,800 |
| 1,000 | Southern Energy Homes Inc.+ | 7,050 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 5,022,307 |

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| | | ----- | |
| | COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES -- 0.2% | | |
| 10,000 | Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.+ | 243,200 | |
| 146 | Computer Associates International Inc. | 4,060 | |
| 25,256 | Telecom Italia Media SpA+ | 16,543 | |
| 80,000 | Yahoo! Inc.+ | 2,707,200 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | | 2,971,003 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCTS -- 0.1% | | |
| 120,000 | Pactiv Corp.+ | 2,102,400 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS -- 0.1% | | |
| 1,500 | Amlt Residential Properties Trust | 48,105 | |
| 6,000 | Camden Property Trust | 334,500 | |
| 2,000 | Equity Residential | 75,700 | |
| 16,656 | Rayonier Inc. | 959,719 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | | 1,418,024 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | TRANSPORTATION -- 0.1% | | |
| 100,000 | AMR Corp.+ | 1,118,000 | |
| 15,000 | Grupo TMM SA, Cl. A, ADR+ | 61,500 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | | 1,179,500 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS | 1,566,301,635 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 0.3% | | |
| | AEROSPACE -- 0.1% | | |
| 13,500 | Northrop Grumman Corp., 7.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B | 1,633,500 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.1% | | |
| 26,000 | Cincinnati Bell Inc., 6.750% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B | 1,136,200 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | | | |
| | | MARKET | |
| | | VALUE* | |
| | | ----- | |
| | BROADCASTING -- 0.1% | | |
| 90 | Gray Television Inc., 8.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. C (a) (c) (d) | \$ 909,000 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | AVIATION: PARTS AND SERVICES -- 0.0% | | |
| 3,200 | Sequa Corp., \$5.00 Cv. Pfd. | 312,000 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS | 3,990,700 | |
| | | ----- | |
| | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | |
| | | ----- | |
| | CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS -- 0.1% | | |
| | AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 0.1% | | |
| \$ 500,000 | Pep Boys - Manny, | | |

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| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Moe & Jack, Cv., | |
| | 4.250%, 06/01/07 | 487,500 |
| 1,000,000 | Standard Motor Products Inc., | |
| | Sub. Deb. Cv., | |
| | 6.750%, 07/15/09 | 890,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 1,377,500 |
| | | ----- |
| | AEROSPACE -- 0.0% | |
| 736,000 | Kaman Corp., Sub. Deb. Cv., | |
| | 6.000%, 03/15/12 | 704,720 |
| | | ----- |
| | CABLE AND SATELLITE -- 0.0% | |
| 500,000 | Charter Communications Inc., Cv., | |
| | 4.750%, 06/01/06 | 493,750 |
| | | ----- |
| | TOTAL CONVERTIBLE | |
| | CORPORATE BONDS | 2,575,970 |
| | | ----- |
| | U.S. GOVERNMENT & | |
| | AGENCY OBLIGATIONS -- 0.1% | |
| | FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK -- 0.0% | |
| 500,000 | 3.060%, 04/13/06 | 496,923 |
| | | ----- |
| | U.S. TREASURY NOTES -- 0.1% | |
| 1,000,000 | 5.750%, 11/15/05 | 1,009,914 |
| 500,000 | 5.625%, 02/15/06 | 503,301 |
| 300,000 | 4.625%, 05/15/06 | 301,137 |
| 300,000 | 3.500%, 11/15/06 | 298,020 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 2,112,372 |
| | | ----- |
| | TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT & | |
| | AGENCY OBLIGATIONS | 2,609,295 |
| | | ----- |

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (UNAUDITED)

| PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | | MARKET VALUE* |
|---------------------|--|------------------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| | SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS -- 5.4% | |
| | REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS -- 5.1% | |
| \$84,445,000 | Barclays Capital Inc., 3.200%, dated 09/30/05, due 10/03/05, proceeds at maturity, \$84,467,519 (b) | \$ 84,445,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS -- 0.3% | |
| 5,000,000 | U.S. Treasury Bills, 3.498%+, 11/17/05 | 4,977,675 |
| | | ----- |
| | TOTAL SHORT-TERM | |
| | OBLIGATIONS | 89,422,675 |
| | | ----- |

NUMBER OF EXPIRATION DATE/

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| CONTRACTS | EXERCISE PRICE |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| 1,000 PUT OPTIONS PURCHASED+ -- 0.0% | |
| SPDR Trust | |
| Series 1 | Oct. 05/120 40,000 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 100.0% | |
| (Cost \$1,289,926,526) | \$1,664,940,275 |
| | ===== |

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| For Federal tax purposes: | |
| Aggregate cost | \$1,289,926,526 |
| | ===== |
| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$ 446,167,567 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (71,153,818) |
| | ----- |
| Net unrealized appreciation | |
| (depreciation) | \$ 375,013,749 |
| | ===== |

- (a) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2005, the market value of fair valued securities amounted to \$952,000 or 0.06% of total investments.
- (b) Collateralized by U.S. Treasury Bonds, 8.125% and 6.125%, due 08/15/19 and 11/15/27, market value \$85,734,060 and \$399,840.
- (c) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At September 30, 2005, the market value of Rule 144A securities amounted to \$909,000 or 0.05% of total investments.
- (d) At September 30, 2005, the Fund held restricted and illiquid securities amounting to \$909,000 or 0.05% of net assets, which were valued under methods approved by the Board, as follows:

| ACQUISITION | ACQUISITION | ACQUISITION | 09/30/2005 |
|-------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| SHARES | ISSUER | DATE | CARRYING VALUE |
| ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- |
| ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- |
| 90 | Gray Television Inc., 8.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. C | 04/23/02 | \$900,000 \$10,100.0000 |

+ Non-income producing security.

++ Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depository Receipt

BDR Brazilian Depository Receipt

CVO Contingent Value Obligation

* Portfolio securities are valued at the last quoted sale price or closing values. If these are unavailable, then the average of the closing bid and asked prices is used. If there is no asked price, the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. Debt instruments are valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices. If the security matures in 60 days or less and is not credit-impaired, it is valued at amortized cost. All securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available or any security that the Board determines does not reflect its fair market value are valued in good faith under procedures established by the Board.

| | |
|--------|--------|
| % OF | MARKET |
| MARKET | MARKET |
| VALUE | VALUE |
| ----- | ----- |

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GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| North America | 81.3% | \$1,353,172,200 |
| Europe | 14.4 | 240,713,065 |
| Latin America | 2.8 | 47,010,239 |
| Japan | 1.1 | 18,360,274 |
| Asia/Pacific | 0.3 | 4,446,862 |
| South Africa | 0.1 | 1,197,635 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total Investments | 100.0% | \$1,664,900,275 |
| | ===== | ===== |

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date November 28, 2005

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer &
Principal Financial Officer

Date November 28, 2005

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.