

SMITH HAROLD B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SMITH HAROLD B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
[ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3600 W. LAKE AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

GLENVIEW, IL 60026

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock					1,199	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S	100,000	\$ 31.0233 (1) (2)	I	Trusts
Common Stock	12/12/2008		S	127,781	\$ 30.9809 (2) (3)	I	Trusts
Common Stock	12/12/2008		S	22,219	\$ 31.5321 (2) (4)	I	Trusts (5) (6)

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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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH HAROLD B 3600 W. LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026		X		

## Signatures

Harold B. Smith by James H. Wooten, Jr. Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

12/15/2008

\_\_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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.80 to \$31.13.

The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Illinois Tool Works Inc. or a shareholder of Illinois Tool Works Inc. full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.50 to \$31.49.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.50 to \$31.61.

(5) 772,556 shares held in a revocable trust created by me.

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(6) 11,744,652 shares held in various trusts of which I am a co-trustee and have a direct beneficial interest.

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