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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 *
KELFER GERALD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AVATAR HOLDINGS INC., 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2008

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

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

(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)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/22/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		50,000	A	⑒	141,689	D
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/22/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		75,000	A	⑒	216,689	D
Common Stock,	12/22/2008		F		45,487	D	\$ 27.49	171,202	D

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\$1.00 par value						(3)			
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/22/2008		M(4)	90,000	A	(2)	261,202	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/22/2008		F	32,733	D	\$ 27.49 (5)	228,469	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value							2,000	I	By children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/22/2008		C	50,000	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	Common Stock	50,000
Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/22/2008		C	75,000	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	Common Stock	75,000
Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/22/2008		C	90,000	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	Common Stock	90,000

