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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 *
Bitzer Marc R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 M-63N
(Street)

BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/18/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/18/2008		A ⁽¹⁾	5,852 A <u>(1)</u>	27,621	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2008		M ⁽²⁾	9,250 A <u>(2)</u>	36,871	D	

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Restricted Shares	(2)	02/19/2008		M(2)		9,250 (2) (2)	Common 9,250
Phantom Restricted Shares	(3)	02/18/2008		A(3)		3,201 (3) (3)	Common 3,201
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	02/18/2008		A(4)		11,545 (4) (4)	Common 11,545

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bitzer Marc R 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

/s/ Daniel F. Hopp,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 02/20/2008

**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) Payment of 5,852 shares of common stock under a 2005 Enhanced Strategic Excellence Program ("SEP") award for which performance conditions were satisfied on 02/18/2008. The 2005 Enhanced SEP award was made under the Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Settlement of 9,250 shares of a 2001 Special Retention Program ("SRP") award on which restrictions lapsed on 02/19/2008. The 2001 SRP award was made under the Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. These shares were reported in Table II as derivative securities in prior filings.
- (3)

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3,201 phantom stock shares ("SEP") granted on 02/18/2008 under the 2007 SEP award of contingent shares made pursuant to the Whirlpool Corporation Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16(b)-3. Time restrictions will lapse and shares will become vested on 02/18/2010.

11,545 option shares awarded on 02/18/2008 at the option price of \$88.49 per share with cashless exercise and tax withholding rights.

- (4) Shares will become exercisable as follows: one-third on 02/18/2009; one-third on 02/18/2010; and one-third on 02/18/2011. The options will expire 10 years from the date of grant.

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