

Baalman Richard Fenton JR
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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 *
 Baalman Richard Fenton JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESCALADE INC [ESCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11767 MANCHESTER ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2009

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

ST LOUIS, MO 63131

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	4,397	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)

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Unrestricted Stock Units	(1)	01/26/2009	01/26/2009	A	9,211	(2) (2)	Common Stock	9,211
Stock Option	(4)					(4) (4)	Common Stock	3,198

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Baalman Richard Fenton JR 11767 MANCHESTER ROAD ST LOUIS, MO 63131		X		

Signatures

/s/ Richard F. Baalman 01/28/2009
 **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) Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of ESCA common stock granted pursuant to the Escalade, Incorporated 2007 Incentive Plan. This restricted stock unit grant is in lieu of cash compensation earned for services performed as a Director.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit vests on, and will be settled by the issuance of common stock on the deferral date elected by the recipient. The recipient has elected to receive the corresponding shares at the end of the calendar year five years from the date of grant.
 - (3) Outstanding restricted stock units are composed of 1,250 units that will vest and be settled on April 27, 2009; 2,288 units that will vest and be settled on December 31, 2012; and 16,451 that will vest and be settled on December 31, 2013.
 - (4) Outstanding stock options are composed of 2,000 options that vested on April 24, 2007 with an exercise price of \$11.26 per share and an expiration date of April 24, 2011; and 1,198 options that vested on April 30, 2008 with an exercise price of \$9.35 per share and an expiration date of April 30, 2012.

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