KROGER CO Form 4 July 09, 2008

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WALL DELLA			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1014 VINE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 07/08/2008	Director 10% Owner Norticer (give title Other (specify below) Group Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/08/2008		M	2,000	A		46,116.6993	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2008		M	4,500	A	\$ 16.5938	50,616.6993	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2008		M	9,000	A	\$ 14.925	59,616.6993	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2008		S	15,500	D	\$ 29.75	44,116.6993 (1)	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.625	07/08/2008		M	2,000	(2)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	2,00	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	07/08/2008		M	4,500	(2)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	4,50	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	07/08/2008		M	9,000	(2)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	9,00	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WALL DELLA 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

**Group Vice President** 

**Signatures** 

/s/ Della Wall, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

07/09/2008

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.
- (2) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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