

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 GABELLI MARIO J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
 [GAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/09/2009

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

C/O GAMCO INVESTORS,  
 INC, ONE CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RYE, NY 10580

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	07/09/2009		D	1,452	D	\$ 4.06	631,383	I	By: GGCP, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							947,963.2733	D	
Common Stock							37,358	I	By: MJG IV Limited Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Beneficially (Instr. 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GABELLI MARIO J C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580		X		
GGCP, INC. 140 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830				Majority shareholder of GAMCO
MJG IV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP				Limited Partnership

## Signatures

Douglas R. Jamieson as Attorney-in-Fact for Mario J. Gabelli, GGCP, Inc., and MJG IV Limited Partnership.

07/10/2009

\_\_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) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by GGCP. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in GGCP and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interests.

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- The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by MJG IV Limited Partnership, a limited partnership for which Mr. Gabelli serves as a
- (2) general partner. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in the entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

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