

NEWS CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Mr. Murdoch James R.  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA  
INCORPORATED, 1211  
AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEWS CORP [NWS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Class A Common Stock               | 943,279   | D   | ^   |
| Class B Common Stock               | 1,644   | D   | ^   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 3,055,301   | I   | JRM Family Trust <sup>(1)</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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                               |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                         |
| Murdoch James R.<br>C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED<br>1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X             |           |         | Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia |

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O'Leary, Attorney in Fact for James R. Murdoch  
 12/17/2007  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Held by the JRM Family Trust which is administered by an independent trustee for the benefit of the reporting person and his immediate family.

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