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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

may continue.

See Instruction

Polacek Steve Issuer Symbol C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE (Check all applicable) INC [CHRW] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 14701 CHARLSON ROAD 12/31/2008

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Code Price Common 12/31/2008 A $23^{(1)}$ 140 D Stock 55.03

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | onof Derivative | Date (Month/Day/Yea | Exercisable and Expiration /Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount (Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | | | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Numbe of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | 12/31/2007 <u>(3)</u> | 12/31/2011(3) | Common Stock | 553 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director) | (2) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 276 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 277 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 276 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 274 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | 12/31/2008(3) | 12/31/2012(3) | Common Stock | 981 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 294 | |
| Phantom Stock (Director Units) | (2) | 12/31/2008 | | A | 273 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 273 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Polacek Steve 14701 CHARLSON ROAD X EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347

Signatures

/s/ Troy Renner, Attorney in Fact for Steve Polacek 01/05/2009

**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) Issued as director compensation under the Company's Director Stock Plan.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Vests annually each year end based on the financial performance of the Company, beginning and ending the dates shown.
- (4) Issued as Director compensation, upon board termination, the shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in accordance with the election of the reporting person.

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