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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jolson Joseph A Issuer Symbol JMP Group Inc. [JMP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title 600 MONTGOMERY STREET, 01/23/2009 below) below) **SUITE 1100 CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 Person

| (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | 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) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 75,000 | I | By Foundation (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 20,245 | I | By Jolson 2004 Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 176,450 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 30,367 | I | By Jolson 2005 Trust (3) | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,233,597 | I | By Jolson 1996 Trust (4) |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/23/2009 | P | 2,500 | A | \$ 4.97 | 513,328 | I | By Jolson 1991 Trust |

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | 5. etionNumber of S) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | s I | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Jolson Joseph A 600 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 1100 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | | | CEO | | | | |

Signatures

Janet Tarkoff on behalf of Joseph A.

Jolson

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).

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- (1) Reflects shares of common stock held by The Jolson Family Foundation, of which Mr. Jolson is President and Treasurer. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (2) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2004 Trust FBO Samantha Rohan Jolson for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's daughter. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (3) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2005 Trust FBO Jolson Children for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's children. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (4) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1996 Trust dtd 3/7/96, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee.
- (5) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1991 Trust, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee, and were purchased pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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