

MASON ALEXANDER T
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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 *
 MASON ALEXANDER T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIT GROUP INC., 505 FIFTH AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/17/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/17/2008 ⁽³⁾		A ⁽³⁾	V	Amount 129,871 Price \$ 0	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)

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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. 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.47 ⁽²⁾	07/17/2008		A		450,000		⁽¹⁾	07/17/2015	Common Stock	450,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASON ALEXANDER T C/O CIT GROUP INC. 505 FIFTH AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017			President & COO	

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Mason

07/21/2008

__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) Options vest and become exercisable in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) Exercise price based on closing price of CIT common stock on 7/17/08 grant date (date of earnings release).
- (3) Restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on the first, second, and third anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Restricted stock units are calculated based on the closing price of CIT common stock on 7/17/08 (date of earnings release).

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