MEXICAN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Nierenberg In	vestment Ma	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
Company, Inc.			MEXICAN RESTAURANTS INC [CASA]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
19605 NE 8TH STREET			12/01/2009				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CAMAS, WA	98607		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curitie	es Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed o	f (D)	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	12/01/2009		S	236,267 (1)	D	\$ 2	0	I	By The D3 Family Fund, LP
Common Stock	12/01/2009		S	686,698 (1)	D	\$ 2	0	I	By The D3 Family Bulldog Fund, LP
Common Stock	12/01/2009		S	269,991 (1)	D	\$ 2	0	I	By The DIII Offshore Fund, LP

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	Underl	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivativ	ve .		Securit		(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securitie	S		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired	1				
					(A) or					
					Disposed	1				
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						_			or	
						Date	Expiration		Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Nierenberg Investment Management Company, Inc. 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			
Nierenberg Investment Management Offshore Inc. 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			
Nierenberg David 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			
D3 Family Fund, LP 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			
D3 Family Bulldog Fund, LP 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			
DIII Offshore Fund, LP 19605 NE 8TH STREET CAMAS, WA 98607		X			

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Signatures

David Nierenberg, President, Nierenberg Investment Management Company, Inc. (NIMCO)	12/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David Nierenberg, President, Nierenberg Investment Management Offshore, Inc. (NIMO)	12/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David Nierenberg, President, NIMCO, General Partner of The D3 Family Fund, LP	12/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David Nierenberg, President, NIMCO, General Partner of The D3 Family Bulldog Fund, LP	12/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David Nierenberg, President, NIMO, General Partner of The DIII Offshore Fund, LP	12/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David Nierenberg	12/02/2009
**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) Each of the reporting persons disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest therein.

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