FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC Form SC 13G February 12, 2009

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# SCHEDULE 13G

### **UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No.)\*

### FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC

(Name of Issuer)

## **COMMON STOCK**

(Title of Class of Securities)

## 311642102

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the Rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d – 1(b)

- [] Rule 13d 1(c)
- [] Rule 13d 1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*.)

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12	TYPE OF REPORTING	G PERSON (Se	e Instructions)	5.995%
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12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (	See Instructions)		5.995%
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10	CHECK IF THE (See Instructions)	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW ( )	960,758 9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
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12	TYPE OF REPO	RTING PERSON (See Instructions)	5.75%
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10	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE A (See Instructions)	AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	960,758 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESE	NTED BY AMOUNT II	[] N ROW (9)
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	(See Instructions)	5.75%
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1	NAMES OF REPORTIN I.R.S. IDENTIFICATIO Bank of America, NA	NG PERSONS N NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (E 94-1687665	NTITIES ONLY):
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10	CHECK IF THE AGGR (See Instructions)	REGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	960,758 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
11	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT II	[] N ROW (9)
12	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSON (See Instructions)	5.75%
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1	Columbia Management Gro	NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (EN pup, LLC 94-168766	
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12	TYPE OF REPORTING PI	ERSON (See Instructions)	5.75%
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2	Columbia Management CHECK THE APP Instructions)		37665 EMBER OF A GROUP (See
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12	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSON (See Instructions)	5.75%
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1	Banc of America Securitie	NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (EN s Holdings Corporation	NTITIES ONLY): 56-2103478 MBER OF A GROUP (See
3 4	(b SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACI	) [ ] E OF ORGANIZATION	
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10	CHECK IF THE AGGRE (See Instructions)	GATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) I	1,385 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
11	PERCENT OF CLASS RE	EPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN	[] [ROW (9)
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10	CHECK IF THE AGGREGA (See Instructions)	TE AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	1,385 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
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12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERS	SON (See Instructions)	.008%
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## Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

### FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC

### Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

125 TECHNOLOGY PARK LAKE MARY, FL 32746

#### Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Bank of America Corporation NB Holdings Corporation BAC North America Holding Company BANA Holding Corporation Bank of America N.A. Columbia Management Group, LLC Columbia Management Advisors, LLC Banc of America Securities Holdings Corporation Banc of America Securities LLC Banc of America Investment Advisors, Inc.

### Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

Each Reporting Person has its or his principal business office at 100 North Tryon Street, Floor 25, Bank of America Corporate Center, Charlotte, NC 28255.

#### Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Bank of America Corporation	Delaware
NB Holdings Corporation	Delaware
BAC North America Holding Company	Delaware
BANA Holding Corporation	Delaware
Bank of America N.A.	United States
Columbia Management Group, LLC	Delaware
Columbia Management Advisors, LLC	Delaware
Banc of America Securities Holdings Corporation	Delaware
Banc of America Securities LLC	Delaware
Banc of America Investment Advisors, Inc.	Delaware

#### Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

311642102

#### Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c),

Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a) [] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) [] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) [] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) [] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) [X] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) [] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
- (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act.
- (j) [] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box. []

## Item 4. Ownership:

With respect to the beneficial ownership of the reporting person, see Items 5 through 11 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13G, which are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

## Item 6. Ownership or More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the

# Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control

### **Person:**

With respect to the beneficial ownership of the reporting person, see Items 5 through 11 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13G, which are incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable.

# Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

### Item 10. Certification:

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of such undersigned's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2009

**Bank of America Corporation** 

**NB Holdings Corporation** 

**BAC North America Holding Company** 

**BANA Holding Corporation** 

#### Bank of America, N.A.

By: /s/ Charles F. Bowman

Charles F. Bowman Senior Vice President

#### Columbia Management Group, LLC Columbia Management Advisors, LLC

By: /s/ Michael A. Jones

Michael A. Jones

President

#### **Bank of America Securities Holdings Corporation**

By: /s/ Robert Qutub

Robert Qutub

President

# **Bank of America Securities LLC**

By: /s/ Matthew Smith

Matthew Smith

Managing Director

Banc of America Investment Advisors, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel S. McNamara

Daniel S. McNamara

President

Exhibit 99.1

## **EXHIBIT 99.1 - JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

The undersigned hereby agree that they are filing this statement jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(1). Each of them is responsible for the timely filing of such Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with each other on behalf of each of them of to such a statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the common stock of beneficially owned by each of them. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an exhibit to such Schedule 13G.

Dated: February 12, 2009

**Bank of America Corporation** 

**NB Holdings Corporation** 

**BAC North America Holding Company** 

**BANA Holding Corporation** 

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By: /s/ Charles F. Bowman

Charles F. Bowman Senior Vice President

#### Columbia Management Group, LLC Columbia Management Advisors, LLC

By: /s/ Michael A. Jones

Michael A. Jones

President

#### **Bank of America Securities Holdings Corporation**

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Robert Qutub

President

# **Bank of America Securities LLC**

By: /s/ Matthew Smith

Matthew Smith

Managing Director

# Banc of America Investment Advisors, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel S. McNamara

Daniel S. McNamara

President