#### **GENERAL MILLS INC**

Form 4

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## FORM 4

## 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)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* OLeary Christopher D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS **BOULEVARD** 

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

07/30/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ \_\_ Other (specify

EVP, COO, Int'l

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

### MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |                                       |        |             |  |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2008                              |  | M                                      | 20,000                                | A      | \$<br>37.11 | 88,294.5674  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 07/30/2008                              |  | S                                      | 20,000                                | D      | \$ 65       | 68,294.5674  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |  |  |                                       |        |             | 571  | I  | by 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    | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number of                            | <ol><li>Date Exercisable and</li></ol> |            | 7. Title and Amou |      |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---|--|------------|-------------------|------|
| Derivative     | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onDerivative                            | Expiration Date                        |            | Underlying Secur  |      |
| Security       | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | Securities                              | (Month/Day/Year)                       |            | (Instr. 3 and 4)  |      |
| (Instr. 3)     | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)                            |  |            |                   |      |
|                | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | or Disposed of                          |  |            |                   |      |
|                | Security    |                     |                    |            | (D)                                     |  |            |                   |      |
|                |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, 4,                           |  |            |                   |      |
|                |             |                     |                    |            | and 5)                                  |  |            |                   |      |
|                |             |                     |                    |            |   |  |            |                   | Am   |
|                |             |                     |                    |            |   | Date                                   | Expiration | TT: 41            | or   |
|                |             |                     |                    |            |   | Exercisable                            | Date       | Title             | Nui  |
|                |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)                                 |  |            |                   | of S |
| Non-Qualified  |             |                     |                    |            |   |  |            | <b>C</b>          |      |
| Stock Option   | \$ 37.11    | 07/30/2008          |                    | M          | 20,000                                  | 12/14/2002                             | 01/14/2009 | Common            | 20   |
| (right to buy) |             |                     |                    |            | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |  |            | Stock             |      |
| (IIght to out) |             |                     |                    |            |   |  |            |                   |      |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OLeary Christopher D

NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD EVP, COO, Int'l

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

# **Signatures**

By: Trevor V Gunderson For: Christopher D

O'Leary 08/01/2008

\*\*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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (2) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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