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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HARBINGER HOLDINGS, LLC | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2009 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT] | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (| (First) | (Middle) | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | |
| 555 MADISON AVENUE, 16 | | OR | | Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (5 | Street) | | | DirectorX 10% Owner OfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | | * See Remarks | | | Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) (S | State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Na Owne (Instr | 1 | |
| Common Stock | ¢ | | 28,538,43 | 4 | Ι | Foot | notes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) | |
| Reminder: Report of owned directly or i | e line for ea | ch class of securities benefic | ^{ially} S | SEC 1473 (7-02 | .) | | | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | | Derivative | Security: | |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 229,545 | \$ 15.3044 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 450,000 | \$ 15.8483 | I | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 585,720 | \$ 15.9616 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 13.399 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 66,000 | \$ 13.4397 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 99,000 | \$ 13.9 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 117,000 | \$ 13.5422 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 142,200 | \$ 12.755 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 187,570 | \$ 13.1115 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 120,000 | \$ 13.8514 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 99,600 | \$ 13.835 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 93,000 | \$ 13.483 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 33,000 | \$ 12.84 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A | 42,000 | \$ 12.9047 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) |

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| | | | Common Stock | | | | <u>(8)</u> <u>(9)</u> |
|-------------|--------|--------|----------------------------|---------|------------|---|---|
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 45,000 | \$ 12.8398 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |
| Equity Swap | (8)(9) | (8)(9) | Class A Common Stock | 192,000 | \$ 15.2723 | Ι | Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (8) (9) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| HARBINGER HOLDINGS, LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | ÂX | Â | * See Remarks | | |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | ÂX | Â | * See Remarks | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |

| Harbinger Holdings, LLC(+), By: /s/ Philip Falcone | | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|--|
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| Harbinger Capital Partners LLC(+), By: Harbinger Holdings, LLC, Managing Member, By: /s/ Philip Falcone | 03/06/2009 | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECURITIES SET FORTH IN THIS REPORT ARE DIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. AND/OR HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS NY, LLC (COLLECTIVELY, THE "FUNDS"). ALL OTHER REPORTING PERSONS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REPORT DUE TO

THEIR AFFILIATION WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FUNDS. Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., or the Master Fund, is the direct beneficial owner of 100 shares of Issuer's class A

(2) common stock, or the Shares, and the indirect beneficial owner of the 28,538,334 Shares directly beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners NY, LLC, or the LLC (see Note 6).

These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following: Harbinger Capital Partners LLC, or Harbinger LLC, the investment manager of the Master Fund, Harbinger Holdings, LLC, or Harbinger Holdings, the managing member of Harbinger LLC and Philip Falcone, the managing member of Harbinger Holdings and the portfolio manager of the Master Fund. Such

- (3) persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose. The Master Fund and Philip Falcone previously reported their beneficial ownership on a Form 3 filed on February 11, 2008 and have made required Form 4 filings since that date.
- (4) Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., or the Special Situations Fund, does not own any Shares of the Issuer directly or indirectly.

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Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, or HCPSS, the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, Harbinger Holdings, the managing member of HCPSS and Philip Falcone, the managing member of Harbinger Holdings and the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its

(5) pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose. The Special Situations Fund and HCPSS previously reported their beneficial ownership on a Form 3 filed on February 11, 2008 and have made required Form 4 filings since that date.

(6) The Master Fund, the Special Situations Fund and Firebrand Investments, LLC, or Firebrand Investments, are members of the LLC.
(6) Scott Galloway is the managing member of Firebrand Investments. The Master Fund has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by the Master Fund or purchased using capital contributions of the Master Fund to the LLC.

Under the terms of the operating agreement of the LLC, Firebrand Investments has an interest in the net profits from investments in the Issuer that are made by the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, including direct investments and indirect investments through the LLC. Mr. Galloway may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities that are beneficially owned by Firebrand Investments.

(7) Firebrand Investments and Mr. Galloway disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the LLC, the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

On January 17, 2008, January 28, 2008, January 29, 2008, August 5, 2008, August 8, 2008, August 11, 2008, August 12, 2008, August 13, 2008, August 14, 2008, August 15, 2008, August 18, 2008, August 19, 2008, August 20, 2008, August 20, 2008, August 27, 2008, and September 19, 2008, the Master Fund entered into an equity swap transaction with a counterparty effective on such dates under which the counterparty agreed to pay the Master Fund an amount equal to any increase, and the Master Fund agreed to pay the

(8) which the counterparty agreed to pay the Master Fund an amount equal to any increase, and the Master Fund agreed to pay the counterparty an amount equal to any decrease, in the official market price of 229,545, 450,000, 585,720, 150,000, 66,000, 99,000, 117,000, 142,200, 187,570, 120,000, 99,600, 93,000, 33,000, 42,000, 45,000, and 192,000 notional shares, respectively, above or below an initial reference price of US\$15.3044, \$15.8483, \$15.9616, \$13.399, \$13.4397, \$13.9, \$13.5422, \$12.755, \$13.1115, \$13.8514, \$13.835, \$13.483, \$12.84, \$12.9047, \$12.8398 (continued on footnote 9)

and \$15.2723, respectively, per share upon close-out of any transaction. The equity swap transaction does not contemplate interim payments of appreciation or depreciation of the shares, and the Master Fund is not entitled to any dividends on the shares or equivalent thereast. All belances will be each eattled, and maither party shall eaguin any support interest, write a similar right, or dispectively.

thereof. All balances will be cash settled, and neither party shall acquire any ownership interest, voting or similar rights, or dispositive power over any share under the equity swap transaction. The equity swap transaction may be closed out by the Master Fund at any time.

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Remarks:

(*) The Reporting Persons and the other persons referred to the footnotes to this Statement may b "group" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each Reporting Person disclaims ber securities deemed to be owned by the group that are not directly owned by the reporting person deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is a member of a group or the beneficial own owned by such Reporting Person.

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