

STEAK & SHAKE CO
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FORM 4

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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 *
Vance James Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/12/2008

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)
VP, IT

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/12/2008		A		5,500	A	\$ 0 (1)
					9,100	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)
Option	\$ 17.72					02/06/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/06/2017 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock 3,400
Option	\$ 17.47					02/08/2007 ⁽²⁾ 02/08/2016 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock 2,600
Option	\$ 7.48	04/12/2008		A	8,700	04/12/2009 ⁽²⁾ 04/12/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock 8,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vance James Michael 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			VP, IT	

Signatures

David C. Milne - Attorney
in fact
Date: 04/15/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

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) These shares were granted under the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, an employee benefit plan under Section 16(b)(3) which has been approved by the Company's shareholders. There is a three-year restriction on the transfer of these shares.
- (2) These options vest over a five-year period, with 25% vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remainder vesting on subsequent anniversaries.

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