

STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 ABERNATHY JOHN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1705 FAULKNER STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/07/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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)
Common Stock	11/07/2008		M		3,000	A	\$ 0.938	38,365	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2008		M		3,000	A	\$ 1.063	41,365	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2008		M		1,166	A	\$ 0.75	42,531	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2008		M		12,000	A	\$ 1.5	54,531	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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 0.938	11/07/2008		M	3,000	05/01/1999 05/01/2009	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 1.063	11/07/2008		M	3,000	05/01/2000 05/01/2010	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 0.75	11/07/2008		M	1,166	05/01/2001 05/01/2011	Common Stock	1,166
Stock Option	\$ 1.5	11/07/2008		M	12,000	(1) 07/23/2011	Common Stock	12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABERNATHY JOHN D 1705 FAULKNER STREET NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168		X		

## Signatures

Roger M. Barzun under a Power of Attorney 11/10/2008

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) This stock option was granted by the Company on July 23, 2001. It became exercisable in four equal installments of 3,000 shares each, on the grant date and the first three anniversaries of the grant date and therefore became exercisable in full on July 23, 2004.

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