THORNTON JOHN L

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

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * THORNTON JOHN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

NEWS CORP [NWS] (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2012

_X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/01/2012 | | M | 1,171 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 1,171 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/01/2012 | | D | 1,171 | D | \$ 24.55 | 0 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | | | Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Deferred Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 10/01/2012 | | M | | 1,171 | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock | 1,171 | |
| Deferred Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 10/01/2012 | | A | 253 | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 253 | \$ 2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 4 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| THORNTON JOHN L | | | | | | |
| C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED | X | | | | | |
| 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS | Λ | | | | | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10036 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Laura Cleveland as Attorney-in-Fact for John L.
Thornton 10/03/2012

**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) The deferred stock units were deemed to have settled for the cash value of an equivalent number of shares of News Corporation's Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (3) The deferred stock units became payable in cash on October 1, 2012, the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

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