

FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC
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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 *
 ESPOSITO MICHAEL P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FOREST CITY ENTERPRISES INC
 [FCEA/FCEB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2008

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020-1001

(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)	Price
Class A Common	12/15/2008	12/18/2008 ⁽¹⁾	A		45.47	A	\$ 5.43
Class A Common Stock							3,131.725
Class A Common Stock							83,400
Class A Common Stock							24,900
Class A Common							1,100
						I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾

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Stock

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2003 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 15.5					03/17/2005 ⁽⁵⁾	03/17/2013	Class A Common
2005 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 31.75					04/06/2007 ⁽⁶⁾	04/06/2015	Class A Common
2006 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 46.37					04/04/2008 ⁽⁷⁾	04/04/2016	Class A Common
2007 Stock Option Grant (right to buy)	\$ 65.35					03/29/2009 ⁽⁸⁾	03/29/2017	Class A Common
2008 Stock Option Grant (right to	\$ 37.68					04/07/2009 ⁽⁸⁾	04/07/2018	Class A Common

buy)

Phantom Stock	\$ 0	12/18/2008	A	1,004.823	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁰⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽¹¹⁾	Class A Common
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESPOSITO MICHAEL P JR 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10020-1001		X		

Signatures

Geralyn M. Presti, Attorney-In-Fact for Michael P. Esposito, Jr.	12/19/2008
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__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 a Dividend Reinvestment Account (DRIP).
- (2) Held Direct - in Mr. Esposito's name in an account at Smith Barney, Paramus, NJ.
- (3) Held in an account at Smith Barney - Sarasota, FL.
- (4) Shares are held by Sag Pond Partners - Mr. Esposito retains sole investment control.
- (5) 2003 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable 3/17/2005; 25% exercisable 3/17/2006; and 50% exercisable 3/17/2007.
- (6) 2005 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable 4/06/2007; 25% exercisable 4/06/2008; and 50% exercisable 4/06/2009.
- (7) 2006 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable 4/04/2008; 25% exercisable 4/04/2009; and 50% exercisable 4/04/2010.
- (8) 2007 Stock Option Grant - 25% exercisable 3/29/2009; 25% exercisable 3/29/2010; and 50% exercisable 3/29/2011.
- (9) 2008 Stock Option Grant - 33% exercisable 4/07/2009; 33% exercisable 4/07/2010; and 34% exercisable 4/07/2011.
- (10) Exercisable at retirement, termination, death or disability.
- (11) No present expiration date
- (12) Phantom Stock - 1-for-1 - Deferred compensation plan contributions. Contributing \$6,250 after each board of director's meeting; updated to reflect current holdings.

Remarks:

Dec. 18, 2008 is the deemed execution, it is the date on which the Plan Administrator notified the reporting person.

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