INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Machargo Rafael			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [OFG]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/19/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
CALLE VIO	DLETA 117	7, URB.					× • •
SANTA MARIA				(Check all applicable)			
(Street) SAN JUAN, PR 00927				X_ Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
	,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	•
Common St	ock		1,000		D	Â	
Reminder: Rep owned directly			ach class of securities benefic	cially S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Add	ress	ss Relationships				
		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Machargo Rafael CALLE VIOLETA 117 URB. SANTA MARIA SAN JUAN, PR 00927		Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Rafael Machargo	11/19/2008					
<u>**</u> 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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