

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP  
 Form 4  
 February 28, 2008

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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 \*  
 Shannon John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P., Operations

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1 AEC PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/26/2008

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

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Shares, without par value	02/26/2008		A		9,028 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	63,134	D
Common Shares, without par value	02/26/2008		F		316 D \$ 10.51 <sub>(2)</sub>	62,818	D
Common Shares, without par value	02/26/2008		F		317 D \$ 10.51 <sub>(2)</sub>	62,501	D

Common Shares, without par value	02/26/2008	A	9,028	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	71,529	D
Common Shares, without par value	02/26/2008	F	1,027	D	\$ <u>10.51</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	70,502	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Deferred Share Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	02/26/2008		A	1,593	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Share	1,593

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

Shannon John  
1 AEC PARKWAY  
RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

Sr. V.P.,  
Operations

## Signatures

Suzanne K. Hanselman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/28/2008

\*\*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) Shares issued pursuant to plan.

(2) Based on closing price of the Common Shares on the NYSE on February 26, 2008.

(3) Represents deferral of restricted shares pursuant to the Company equity deferred compensation plan. Common Shares will be issued in exchange for the Deferred Share Units at the end of the deferral period.

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