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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Goucher Paul B.			2. Date of Event Requ Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRI-CONTINENTAL CORP [TY]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/07/2008		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		If Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				
100 PAKK A	(Street)			Director		_{Owner} Fili	Individual or Joint/Group ing(Check Applicable Line)				
NEW YORK, NY 10017				Secretary o	XOfficerXOther (give title below) (specify below) Secretary of Issuer / Director, Issuer's Inv. Adv.		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Benefi	s Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity			ount of Securities cially Owned 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature (Ownershij (Instr. 5)	of Indirect Beneficial p				
Reminder: Repo owned directly	-	ate line for ea	ch class of securities be	eneficially S	ially SEC 1473 (7-02)						
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
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(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

Date

Date

Exercisable

Price of

Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

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Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

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3235-0104

January 31,

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Number:

Expires:

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Estimated average burden hours per

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Goucher Paul B. 100 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Secretary of Issuer	Director, Issuer's Inv. Adv.		
Signatures						
Joseph D'Alessandro, by power attorney	of	07/09/2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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