HENDRICKS JOHN S

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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HENDRICKS JOHN S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

[DISAD]

Discovery Communications, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2008

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

below) Founder

ONE DISCOVERY PLACE

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

Issuer

below)

SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

(City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and A Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying S Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) o Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and |)) | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| DAP Unit (stock appreciation right) (1) | \$ 25.95 | 10/01/2008 | | A | 1,988,283 | 10/01/2008(2) | 10/01/2011 | Series A Common Stock |
| DAP Unit (stock appreciation right) (3) | \$ 13.23 | 10/01/2008 | | A | 2,242,486 | 10/01/2006(4) | 10/01/2009 | Series A Common Stock |
| DAP Unit (stock appreciation right) (5) | \$ 10.48 | 10/01/2008 | | A | 3,716,229 | <u>(6)</u> | 10/01/2008 | Series A Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.53 | 10/01/2008 | | A | 5,708,289 | 10/01/2009(7) | 10/01/2018 | Series A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | officer Founder | Other | | |
| HENDRICKS JOHN S ONE DISCOVERY PLACE SILVER SPRING, MD 20910 | X | | Founder | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |

/s/ Joseph A. LaSala, Jr., by power of 10/03/2008 attorney

> **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).
- Received in exchange for 1,663,324 DAP Units over shares of Discovery Holding Company ("DHC") Series A common stock at an original beginning unit value of \$31.01, in connection with the merger of DHC with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company (the **(1)** "Merger"). Under the terms of the DAP Plan, the conversion of outstanding DAP units could not be calculated until 10 trading days of the company's Series A common stock had passed.
- DAP Units vest in four equal annual installments beginning October 1, 2008. On each vesting date, the vested DAP Units are automatically cashed out.
- Received in exchange for 1,879,019 DAP Units over shares of DHC Series A common stock at an original beginning unit value of \$15.81, in connection with the Merger. Under the terms of the DAP Plan, the conversion of outstanding DAP units could not be

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calculated until 10 trading days of the company's Series A common stock had passed.

- (4) DAP Units vest in four equal annual installments beginning October 1, 2006. On each vesting date, the vested DAP Units are automatically cashed out.
- Received in exchange for 3,110,957 DAP Units over shares of DHC Series A common stock at an original beginning unit value of
- (5) \$12.52, in connection with the Merger. Under the terms of the DAP Plan, the conversion of outstanding DAP units could not be calculated until 10 trading days of the company's Series A common stock had passed.
- (6) All outstanding DAP Units vest and become payable on October 1, 2008.
- (7) The Employee Stock Option vests in four equal annual installments, beginning October 1, 2009.

Remarks:

The trading symbols for the Issuer's Series A, Series B and Series C common stock are, respectively, DISAD, DISBD and DIS Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.