

Melin Eric G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 *
 Melin Eric G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD
 (Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Nalco Holding CO [NLC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP, Pres. Asia Pac

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 (D) Price			
Restricted Shares ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2009		A	7,752 A \$ 0	37,517	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)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 11.92	02/12/2009		A	5,872	12/31/2009 02/12/2019	Common Stock	5,872
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Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 11.92	02/12/2009		A	5,874	12/31/2012 02/12/2019	Common Stock	5,874

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Melin Eric G 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198			Executive VP, Pres. Asia Pac	

Signatures

/s/Anne Marie Morris, as attorney
in fact

02/17/2009

__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) Granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nalco Holding Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 2/28/2012, subject to continued employment at vesting date.

(2) Granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Nalco Holding Company 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, 2009 Stock Option Award.

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