

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 DETROIT STOKER Co

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [hall]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1510 E. FIRST ST.,  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 See explanation

MONROE, MI 48161  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	09/21/2009			P	21,801 A \$ 8.09		334,424 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock	09/22/2009			P	3,300 A \$ 8.1		337,724 D <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>

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. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DETROIT STOKER Co 1510 E. FIRST ST. MONROE, MI 48161				See explanation
NEWCASTLE PARTNERS L P 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201				See explanation
NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201				See explanation
NEWCASTLE CAPITAL GROUP LLC 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201				See explanation
NEWCASTLE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FUND I, L.P. 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201				See explanation
NEWCASTLE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FUND II, L.P. 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201				See explanation

Newcastle Focus Fund II LP 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201			See explanation
DSC Services, Inc. 200 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201			See explanation
SCHWARZ MARK E 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201	X	Executive Chairman	See explanation

## Signatures

Detroit Stoker Co.			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Newcastle Partners, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund I, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund II, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Focus Fund II, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member			09/22/2009
		**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
DSC Services, Inc.			09/22/2009
		**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).

The Reporting Persons are members of a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned in the aggregate by the other members of the Section 13(d) group. The Section 13(d) group consists of Newcastle Partners, L.P. ("NP"), Newcastle Capital Management, L.P.

- (1) ("NCM"), Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. ("NCG"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund I, L.P. ("NSOF I"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund II, L.P. ("NSOF II"), Newcastle Focus Fund II, L.P. ("NFF"), DSC Services Inc. ("DSC"), the Detroit Stoker Company ("Detroit Stoker") and Mark E. Schwarz ("Schwarz"). Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by the other members of the Section 13(d) group except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

NCM is the general partner of each of NP, NSOFI, NSOFII and NFF. NCG is the general partner of NCM, and Schwarz is the managing member of NCG. Accordingly, each of NCM, NCG and Schwarz may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by any of

- (2) NP, NSOFI, NSOFII and NFF. In addition, DSC is the parent company of Detroit Stoker, and Schwarz and NCG together own all of the outstanding shares of DSC. Accordingly, each of Schwarz and DSC may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by Detroit Stoker.

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