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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Ho David H Y

PENTAIR INC [PNR]

12/12/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

5500 WAYZATA BLVD., SUITE

(Street)

800

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

GOLDEN

VALLEY, MN 55416-1261

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if anv

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

2 Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of 4 **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Phantom Stock Units - Deferred Compensation	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	12/12/2008		A(2)		212.417		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	212.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ho David H Y 5500 WAYZATA BLVD. SUITE 800 GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416-1261	X						

Signatures

Louis L. Ainsworth, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Phantom stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents phantom stock units credited under a deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors over which the reporting person has no current dispositive or voting power.
- (4) Shares acquired under this Plan are purchased over a three-day trading period. The price shown is the average purchase price over the trading period.
- (3) Settlement of phantom stock units will be in Pentair common stock in accordance with reporting person's irrevocable election.

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