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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NEW YORK TIMES  
 COMPANY, 620 8TH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT.A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/19/2009

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)  
 Chairman and Publisher

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	02/19/2009		A	50,000	A	\$ 0	158,359	D <sup>(1)</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)**

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options - Rights to Buy	\$ 3.625	02/19/2009		A	500,000	(2)	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	500,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SULZBERGER ARTHUR JR NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY 620 8TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10036	X		Chairman and Publisher	

## Signatures

/s/Theodore R. Wagner as Attorney-in-fact for Arthur J. Sulzberger, Jr. 02/23/2009

\*\*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) In addition, as previously reported, the reporting person owns 141,235 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by limited liability company as general partner of a limited partnership, 25,920 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by his wife as trustee, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership, 1,400,000 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by a trust, and 450 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly as a co-trustee of a trust, which is the limited partner of the limited partnership. The 25,920 shares of Class A Common Stock held indirectly by the reporting person's wife as trustee include 1,200 shares of Class A Common Stock transferred to the trust as a gift on March 9, 2005 and March 16, 2005, which transfers had inadvertently not been previously reported.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning February 19, 2010.

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