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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

DeGroot Jeff

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

05/16/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FREDS INC [FRED]

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

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

05/16/2011

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38118

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Vice President

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5) 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

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

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

5. 4. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

Security

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Amount or Number of Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Direct (D)

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Class A

Stock

Option on Class A Common Stock

05/16/2012(1) 05/16/2018 Common

9,184 (1) \$ 13.61 (1)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

DeGroot Jeff

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS. TNÂ 38118

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Â À Vice President À

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

06/07/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Employment option granted with a 5 year vesting @ 20% per year and 7 year expiration.

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Remarks:

Adding power of attorney to filing

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