**QUINN JAMES W** Form 4

December 21, 2009

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **QUINN JAMES W** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

ARGAN INC [AGX]

X\_ Director

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

ALLEN & COMPANY LLC, 711

(Street)

(First)

FIFTH AVENUE

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/17/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Following 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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

D

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	ed of			(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
stock option to purchase common stock	\$ 12.43	12/17/2009		A		5,000		12/17/2010	12/17/2019	common stock	5,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
QUINN JAMES W ALLEN & COMPANY LLC 711 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X						

## **Signatures**

/s/ James W.
Quinn

\*\*Signature of Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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