

WILMINGTON TRUST CORP
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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILMINGTON TRUST CORP [WL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/16/2008

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

ROUTE 4, BOX 777

(Street)

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

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

SEAFORD, DE 19973

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	
Common Stock					1,198	D	
Common Stock					10,345	I	By the Rex L. Mears Trust

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	07/16/2008		A	<u>618</u> <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	618
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 31.375					05/17/2001 05/16/2011	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006 02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 43.27					02/23/2009 02/19/2016	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007 02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008 02/20/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 43.7					02/15/2010 02/10/2017	Common Stock	3,500
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	\$ 33.08					02/14/2011 02/12/2018	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEARS REX L		X		

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SEAFORD, DE 19973

Signatures

/s/ Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact Pursuant to Limited Power of
Attorney

07/18/2008

__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) One-for-one.
- (2) These stock units were acquired in transaction exempt from Section 16b by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(2), and will be settled in shares of registrant's common stock following approval of a stock plan.
- (3) (Right to buy).

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