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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CATERPILLAR INC [CAT] LAVIN RICHARD P (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) PEORIA, ÂILÂ 61629 Form filed by More than One **Group President** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common 34,133 (1) Common 4 I Custodian for Daughter Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Common	4,415	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â
Option (ISO)	06/08/1999	06/08/2009	Common	3,208	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/08/1999	06/08/2009	Common	11,632	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/10/2003	06/10/2013	Common	54,000	\$ 27.1425	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/08/2004	06/08/2014	Common	70,000	\$ 38.6275	D	Â
Option (NQ)	02/18/2005	02/18/2015	Common	70,000	\$ 45.6425	D	Â
Option (NSAR)	02/17/2006	02/17/2016	Common	48,000	\$ 72.05	D	Â
Option (NSAR)	03/02/2007	03/02/2017	Common	47,580	\$ 63.04	D	Â
Option (RSU)	03/02/2007	03/02/2017	Common	2,594	\$ 63.04	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LAVIN RICHARD P 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Group President	Â		

Signatures

R. P. Lavin; L.J. Huxtable, POA

**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).
- (1) This amount includes 10,327 shares in 401K.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.
- (3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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