

RESTREPO ROBERT P JR  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RESTREPO ROBERT P JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**518 E. BROAD STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President, CEO**

**COLUMBUS, OH 43215**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/04/2009**

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)
Common Shares without par value	12/15/2008		A	5	A \$ 0	12,368.591 (2)	D
Common shares without par value	03/02/2009		F(1)	3,354	D \$ 15.98 (1)	9,014.591 (2)	D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RESTREPO ROBERT P JR 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X		Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

/s/Robert P. Restrepo, Jr. by James A. Yano, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 5/7/07.

03/05/2009

\_\_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) On March 2, 2006, Robert P. Restrepo, Jr. was awarded 10,500 common shares of STFC in connection with the commencement of his employment, which common shares were subject to restrictions on transfer and a risk of forfeiture if Mr. Restrepo's employment was terminated for any reason prior to March 2, 2009. On March 2, 2009, the restrictions on transfer and risk of forfeiture lapsed, and the 10,500 common shares became fully vested in Mr. Restrepo. In connection with such vesting, STFC withheld a total of 3,354 of these restricted shares to satisfy Mr. Restrepo's tax withholding obligations with respect to the vesting of the restricted shares. The purchase price of \$15.98 was determined by the close price of STFC stock on March 2, 2009.

(2) Includes the following acquisitions: 0.052 shares acquired in March 2008 and 0.062 shares acquired in June 2008 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 4.431 shares acquired in March 2008 and 10.714 shares acquired in June 2008 under the dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan ; also includes 881.982 shares acquired in May 2008 and 89.739 shares acquired in November 2008 through the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan; Also includes 7.327 shares acquired in December 2008 as dividend reinvestment.

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