

MOTHERS WORK INC  
 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 \*  
 Ajdler Arnaud

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CRESCENDO PARTNERS II, L.P., 825 THIRD AVENUE, 40TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MOTHERS WORK INC [MWRK]

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

11/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/20/2008		P		0 (1) A (1) 1,738 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2008		P		0 (1) A (1) 1,738 (1) (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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ajdler Arnaud C/O CRESCENDO PARTNERS II, L.P. 825 THIRD AVENUE, 40TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

## Signatures

Arnaud Ajdler                      11/24/2008  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- The Reporting Person is a Managing Director of Crescendo Partners, a holder of 694,219 shares of the Issuer's outstanding common stock (the "Shares"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares owned by Crescendo Partners. On November 20, 2008, Crescendo Partners purchased 2,136 shares of the Issuer's outstanding common stock on the open market at a cost of \$6.87 per share. On November 21, 2008, Crescendo Partners purchased 10,701 shares of the Issuer's outstanding common stock on the open market at a cost of \$6.2944 per share.
- (2) On March 11, 2008, 1,738 shares of restricted stock were issued to the Reporting Person by the Issuer. These shares vest one (1) year from the date of grant.

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