

VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST
 Form 4
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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 *
 DAMMEYER RODNEY F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST [VMO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4370 LAJOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 685
 (Street)
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/21/2009

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

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | | S | | 485 | D | \$ 10.13 215,917.979 D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | | S | | 300 | D | \$ 10.14 215,617.979 D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 10.15 215,417.979 D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | | S | | 715 | D | \$ 10.16 214,702.979 D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | | S | | 600 | D | \$ 10.17 214,102.979 D |

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|---------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 10.2 | 214,002.979 | D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 900 | D | \$ 10.21 | 213,102.979 | D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 1,900 | D | \$ 10.22 | 211,202.979 | D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 1,900 | D | \$ 10.23 | 209,302.979 | D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 2,200 | D | \$ 10.24 | 207,102.979 | D |
| common share | 01/21/2009 | S | 500 | D | \$ 10.25 | 206,602.979 | D |
| common shares | 01/21/2009 | S | 200 | D | \$ 10.26 | 206,402.979 | 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 |
| DAMMEYER RODNEY F 4370 LAJOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE SUITE 685 | X | | | |

SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

Signatures

/s/ Rod

Dammeyer

01/21/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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