

Neamtz Steven J
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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 *
Neamtz Steven J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Head of Retail Distribution

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC., 100 PEARL STREET

(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

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(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 | |

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)

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| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 2,191.263 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,191.263 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 3,288.167 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 3,288.167 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.38 | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 5,477 | (5) | 02/13/2018 | Common Stock | 5,477 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Neamtz Steven J C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103 | | | Head of Retail Distribution | |

Signatures

Kevin J. Carr, Attorney-in-Fact 01/06/2009

**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) The Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") convert to common stock of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) These RSUs will cliff vest on February 13, 2011.
These RSUs were previously granted to the Reporting Person under a Phoenix Companies, Inc. ("PNX") equity plan and, in connection with the spin-off by PNX of the Issuer, were converted into RSUs of the Issuer in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, dated December 18, 2008, between the Issuer and PNX.
- (3) These RSUs will cliff vest on March 5, 2011.
- (4) This option will vest in one-third increments on February 13, 2009, February 13, 2010, and February 13, 2011.
These options were previously granted to the Reporting Person under a PNX equity plan and, in connection with the spin-off by PNX of the Issuer, were converted into options to purchase common stock of the Issuer in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, dated December 18, 2008, between the Issuer and PNX.

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