

Finn William
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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 *
 Finn William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC [SWM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/30/2008

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

C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNAT'L, INC., 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600

(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

ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

(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)
SWM Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,000	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0	09/30/2008		A	9.7719	08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/1988	Common Stock
Phantom Stock Units <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0	10/01/2008		A	618.7467	08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾ 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Finn William C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNAT'L, INC. 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	X			

Signatures

Honor Winks as Attorney-in-fact for William Finn 10/02/2008
 __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) Dividends credited pursuant to the Director' election in accordance with the Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan No. 2 for Non-Employee Directors ("Plan"). The Plan was filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the 2004 10-K.
 Stock Units can be converted to cash or SWM common stock upon the earlier of retirement from the Board or termination as a Director in accordance with the Plan. Conversion into shares or cash is based on the fair market value of SWM common stock on the date of conversion.
- (3) Director's quarterly retainer deferred pursuant to the Director's election in accordance with the Schweitzer-Mauduit International Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan No. 2 for Non-Employee Directors.

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