HESTERBERG EARL J

Form 4

March 10, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue.

See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

03/08/2011

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Symbol	GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC				Issuer (Check all applicable)		
800 GESSNER, SUITE 500 (M 03 (Street) 4.1			(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2011				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	, ,	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
	Common Stock	03/08/2011		A	50,000	A	\$0	572,984.14	D	

10,000

3,148

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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562,984.14

559,836.14

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HESTERBERG EARL J 800 GESSNER SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77024	X		President & CEO					

Signatures

By Beth Sibley, attorney-in-fact, for Earl J. Hesterberg /s/ Beth Sibley 03/10/2011

**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) Disposition to the issuer of equity securities pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e) in connection with a performance award granted to the reporting person on November 16, 2006.

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