

MINICUCCI BENITO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MINICUCCI BENITO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/27/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP/OPS & COO

SEATTLE, WA 98188  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT (1)					45,290	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2011		M	888 A \$ 27.49	5,407	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2011		M	5,950 A \$ 27.56	11,357	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2011		M	2,325 A \$ 33.26	13,682	D	
COMMON STOCK	04/27/2011		S	9,163 D \$ 63.9145	4,519	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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**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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	04/27/2011		M	888	02/08/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2018	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.56	04/27/2011		M	5,950	01/29/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/29/2019	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 33.26	04/27/2011		M	2,325	02/03/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/03/2020	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188			EVP/OPS & COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeanne Gammon Attorney-in-Fact for Benito Minicucci 04/28/2011

\_\_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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 02/08/12.
- (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REMAINING OPTIONS VEST ON 01/29/12 AND 01/29/13.
- (4) OPTIONS VEST IN FOUR EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 02/03/12; 02/03/13; AND 02/03/14.

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