

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Moore, Clayton & Co., Inc.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
[EQS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
11585 SOUTH STATE STREET, SUITE 102  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2009

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

DRAPER, UT 84020

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

(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) |   |                 | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount or Price |   |  |                                   |
| Equus Total Return, Inc.        | 04/24/2009                           | 04/24/2009   | S                              | 6,999   | D | \$ 3.69         | 881,139   | I  | See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>       |
| Equus Total Return, Inc.        | 04/24/2009                           | 04/24/2009   | S                              | 6,998   | D | \$ 3.69         | 874,141   | I  | See Footnote 1                    |
| Equus Total Return,             | 04/24/2009                           | 04/24/2009   | S                              | 4,023   | D | \$ 3.69         | 870,118   | I  | See Footnote 1                    |

Inc.  
 Equus  
 Total  
 Return,  
 Inc.

|            |            |   |       |   |    |      |         |   |                   |
|------------|------------|---|-------|---|----|------|---------|---|-------------------|
| 04/24/2009 | 04/24/2009 | S | 4,022 | D | \$ | 3.69 | 866,096 | I | See<br>Footnote 1 |
|------------|------------|---|-------|---|----|------|---------|---|-------------------|

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Moore, Clayton & Co., Inc.<br>11585 SOUTH STATE STREET<br>SUITE 102<br>DRAPER, UT 84020 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Kenneth I. Denos                      04/28/2009

\*\*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. This Form 4 is filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), to report the sale  
**(1)** of 22,042 shares by MCC Europe Limited ("MCCE"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Moore, Clayton & Co., Inc. ("MCC"). MCCE's sale of shares may be attributable to MCC because MCC is the parent company of MCCE.

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