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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>CHAIT JON F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC.,</u> <u>560 LEXINGTON AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC [</u> <u>HHGP]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman and CEO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/13/2009</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2009 | | G | V | 3,000 | D | \$0 | 176,725 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$6.83 | | | | | | | (2) | 04/11/2013 | Common Stock | 122,250 | 122,250 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13.25 | | | | | | | (3) | 01/18/2015 | Common Stock | 181,314 | 181,314 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 2,682 shares previously held through the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which were transferred to the reporting person's personal account, as to 1,485 shares on July 10, 2008 and 1,197 shares on January 28, 2009, and are now owned directly.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan. The option originally granted vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 25% after 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 50% after 2nd anniversary, 75% after 3rd anniversary, and 100% after 4th anniversary of the date of grant.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 50% after 3rd anniversary of the date of grant and 100% after 4th anniversary.

Remarks:

John K. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact 02/17/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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