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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* OFFENSEND DAVID G | | | | <u>H</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP INC [HHGP] | | | | | | | | | | (Check all a | | ship of Reportin applicable) irector ifficer (give title | | 10% Ov | vner | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5TH AVE AND 42ND ST, RM 210 | | | | 10/ | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2008 | | | | | | | | | | n divi | below) | | Filing | Other (s below) | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10018 | | | - 4. II - | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | n | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Noi | n-Deri | vative | Se | curiti | es Ac | qı | uired, | Dis | osed (| of, or | Ber | neficial | ly (| Owned | l | | | |
| Date | | | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | ΄ Ι | 3. Transaction Code (Instr.) 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | 4 and Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte | | es ally Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | nt (A) o | | | | Price | tion(s) | | | (11150.4) |
| Common Stock 10/17 | | | | 7/2008 | 2008 10/21/200 | | 1/2008 | 3 | A | | 562 | | A | \$5.14 | 19 | 27,8 | 25.81 | .81 | | By Deferred Comp Plan ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55,000 | | D | | | |
| Share Units ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,187.2891 | | | D | | |
| | | Т | able II - | | | | | | | | | sed of onverti | | | | / O\ | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr 8) | | n of | | | Date Exe piration onth/Day | Date | | le and 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) | | s Security | Dei | rivative ducurity S str. 5) B O F R | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Dat Exe | te ercisable | | piration ite | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$6.83 | | | | | | | | | (3) | 04 | /11/2013 | Comm Stocl | | 50,000 | | | 50,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Balance reflects the reporting person's holdings in the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan as of the date of this filing.
- 2. Share Units credited to the reporting person's account under the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Director Deferred Share Plan. Each Share Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock. Share Units are payable only in Common Stock after a director's Separation from Service.
- 3. 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: 40% immediately upon the date of grant, 60% after 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 80% after 2nd anniversary, and 100% after 3rd anniversary.

Remarks:

John K. Wilson, Attorney-in-

10/22/2008

Fact

** 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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