

SMITH FRED STANTON  
 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 \*  
 SMITH FRED STANTON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC  
 [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/27/2009

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

C/O AVATAR HOLDINGS INC., 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

(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) (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	05/27/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>		435	A	\$ 17.85	5,224	D
Common Stock	05/28/2009		M <sup>(4)</sup>		650	A	\$ 17.85	5,874	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/27/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>	435	05/27/2009 05/27/2009	Common Stock	435
Stock Units	(2)	05/28/2009	05/28/2009	M <sup>(2)</sup>	650	05/28/2009 05/28/2009	Common Stock	650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH FRED STANTON C/O AVATAR HOLDINGS INC. 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	X			

## Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, attorney-in-fact for Fred Stanton Smith  
Date: 05/29/2009

\_\_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) Settlement of Restricted Stock Units upon vesting.
- (2) The units convert to Common Stock of the issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) The zero ("0") in this column is a "dummy" amount, solely for the purpose of permitting the use of a descriptive footnote stating that the price is not applicable.
- (4) The units, which represent a deferral of a portion of director's fees payable to the Reporting Person, were vested on the date of issuance and were converted into shares of Issuer's Common Stock on May 28, 2009, the date on which the Reporting Person ceased serving as a member of Issuer's board of directors.

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