DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEENLAND DOUGLAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,

(First)

(Middle)

10/29/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title Other (specify

DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30320

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed o	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock	10/29/2008		A	169,293 (1)	A	<u>(1)</u>	169,293	D	
common stock	10/29/2008		A	596,546 (1)	A	<u>(1)</u>	765,839	D	
common stock	10/29/2008		F	264,270 (2)	D	\$ 7.99	501,569	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 orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.15 (3)	10/29/2008		A	198,838 (<u>3)</u>	10/29/2008	06/13/2017	common stock	198,838
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.81 (3)	10/29/2008		A	198,838 (<u>3)</u>	10/29/2008	06/27/2017	common stock	198,838
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.86 (3)	10/29/2008		A	198,840 (<u>3)</u>	10/29/2008	07/12/2017	common stock	198,840

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
inporting of the relative	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEENLAND DOUGLAS M C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA, GA 30320	X					

Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney-in-fact for Douglas M.
Steenland

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents shares of Delta common stock acquired upon conversion of shares of Northwest Airlines Corporation ("Northwest") common stock and Northwest restricted stock units as a result of the merger between Nautilus Merger Corporation, a
- wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta, and Northwest (the "Merger"). This acquisition was approved by Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).
- Represents shares withheld to pay tax withholding obligations to appropriate taxing authorities from the conversion of Northwest restricted stock units as a result of the Merger. This withholding was approved by Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Section 16b-3(d)(1) and Rule 16b-3(e).
- Represents acquisition of stock options covering shares of Delta common stock upon conversion of stock options covering shares of Northwest common stock as a result of the Merger. This acquisition was approved by Delta's Board of Directors and is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Rule 16b-3(d).

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