FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DEMPSEY MICHAEL H		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [GEF,GEF,B]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 425 WINTER ROAD	3. Date of Earliest T 07/21/2008				ansaction (Month/Day/Year)						Offic belov	er (give title w)	•	Other below	(specify)
(Street) DELAWARE OH 43015 (City) (State) (Zip)		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					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned															
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/E			2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow Reported		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect g (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric	е	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(111501. 4)
Class B Common Stock	07/21/200	08			G		100,000	D	\$0.	00(1)	()(2)	D		
Class B Common Stock 07/21/			008		G		100,000	A	\$0.	00(1)	0(3)		I		See footnote. ⁽¹⁾
Class B Common Stock	11/05/200	008		G		100,000	D	\$0.	0.00(1) 0(2))(2)	D			
Class B Common Stock	11/05/200)08		G		100,000	A	\$0.	50.00 ⁽¹⁾		0(3)			See footnote. ⁽¹⁾	
Class B Common Stock										677,	,300 ⁽⁴⁾	D			
Class B Common Stock										211	1,860	I		See footnote. ⁽⁵⁾	
Class B Common Stock											2,854		I		See footnote. ⁽⁶⁾
Class B Common Stock										10,751,808		I		See footnote. ⁽⁷⁾	
Class B Common Stock										336,000		I		See footnote. ⁽⁸⁾	
Table II -	Derivative (e.g., puts	e Se s, ca	curiti Ils, w	es Acqu arrants,	ired, l optio	Disp	osed of, c	or Bend e secu	eficia Iritie	ally C s)	Owned				
			ansaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	re Ownes Formally Director In (I)	nership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Explanation of Responses:	Co	ode \	v (A) (D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	1	Amour or Numbe of Shares	er					

- 1. Transaction reflects gift by Michael H. Dempsey to a granter retained annuity trust of which Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee.
- 2. See footnote number 4 below for securities owned directly by Michael H. Dempsey after reported transactions.
- 3. See foot number 8 below for securities owned after reported transactions by grantor retained annuity trusts of which Mr. Dempsey is the trustee.
- 4. Securities owned directly by Michael H. Dempsey after reported transactions.
- 5. By a charitable lead annuity trust of which Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee.
- 6. By a family trust. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 7. By family trusts of which Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee.
- 8. By grantor retained annuity trusts of which Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee.

Michael H. Dempsey by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

12/12/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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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