Devonshire Duke of Form 4 September 15, 2008

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Devonshire Duke of

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

1334 YORK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10021

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOTHEBYS [BID]

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

09/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Deputy Chairman

6. 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

(City) (State)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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

(A)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

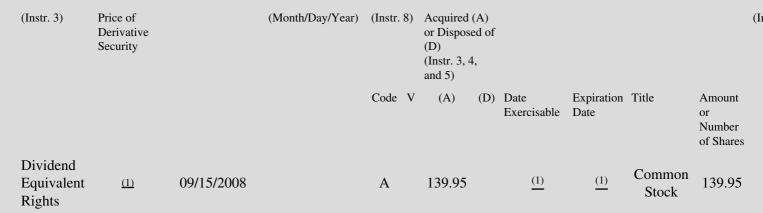
6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

D

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Devonshire Duke of 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021 | X | | Deputy Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Gilbert L. Klemann as Attorney-In-Fact 09/15/2008

**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).
- The Dividend Equivalent Rights have accrued under the Sotheby's 1998 Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (as amended and restated, the "Plan") with respect to Deferred Stock Units received by the reporting person under the Plan. The Deferred Stock Units and the Dividend Equivalent Rights will be settled 100% in Sotheby's Common Stock (except that fractional shares, if any, will be settled in cash) after the reporting person's termination of service on the Sotheby's Board.
- (2) Not Applicable

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