

HIRST RICHARD B  
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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 \*  
**HIRST RICHARD B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/ [DAL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC.,  
DEPT. 981, P.O. BOX 20574**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/04/2010**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP & General Counsel**

**ATLANTA,, GA 30320**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/04/2010                           |  | A                              | (1)   | 54,540  | A  | (1) 375,596 D                     |
| Common Stock                    | 02/04/2010                           |  | A                              | (2)   | 29,381  | A  | (2) 404,977 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| HIRST RICHARD B<br>C/O DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981<br>P.O. BOX 20574<br>ATLANTA,, GA 30320 |               |           | SVP &<br>General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jan M. Davidson as attorney-in-fact for Richard B. Hirst 02/05/2010

\_\_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) The Personnel & Compensation Committee of Delta's Board of Directors granted Mr. Hirst 54,540 shares of restricted common stock under Delta's 2010 long-term incentive program. Subject to the terms of the award, including Mr. Hirst's continued employment with Delta, the restrictions on the shares will lapse with respect to 50 percent of the shares on each of February 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012. Until the restrictions lapse, Mr. Hirst may not sell or transfer the shares, which will be subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances.
- (2) In lieu of a cash award based on operational and merger integration performance under the 2009 annual incentive plan, the Personnel & Compensation Committee granted Mr. Hirst 29,381 shares of restricted common stock. Subject to the terms of the award, the restrictions on the shares will lapse on the earlier of the date (1) there is a payout under Delta's broad-based employee profit sharing program or (2) Mr. Hirst has a qualifying termination of employment. Until the restrictions lapse, Mr. Hirst may not sell or transfer the shares, which will be subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances.

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