

MITAROTONDA JAMES A  
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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 \*  
MITAROTONDA JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
888 SEVENTH AVENUE 17TH FL  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2009

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

NEW YORK, NY 10019

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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(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) |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,528   | D  |   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/02/2009                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 72,460  | D   | <u>(2)</u>   | 735,142   | I | By Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 01/02/2009                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 758,881   | D   | <u>(2)</u>   | 467,060   | I | By Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>   |

|              |            |  |                  |        |   |     |         |   |  |
|--------------|------------|--|------------------|--------|---|-----|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 01/05/2009 |  | J <sup>(1)</sup> | 44,152 | D | (2) | 690,990 | I | By Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. (3) (4) |
| Common Stock |            |  |                  |        |   |     | 536,449 | I | By Barington Investments, L.P. (3) (4)               |

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MITAROTONDA JAMES A<br>888 SEVENTH AVENUE 17TH FL<br>NEW YORK, NY 10019 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James A. Mitarotonda 01/06/2009

\*\*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) Distributions to redeeming investors in Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. and Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. of their pro rata ownership of common stock of the Issuer.
- (2) Not applicable.

The Reporting Person is the sole stockholder and director of LNA Capital Corp., which is the general partner of Barington Capital Group, L.P., which is the majority member of each of Barington Companies Investors, LLC ("Barington Investors"), Barington Companies

- (3) Advisors, LLC ("Barington Advisors") and Barington Offshore Advisors II, LLC ("Barington Offshore II"). Barington Investors is the general partner of Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. Barington Advisors is the general partner of Barington Investments, L.P. Barington Offshore II is the investment advisor to Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd.

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this

- (4) report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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