

NEWS CORP  
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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 \*  
Murdoch James R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA  
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE  
OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEWS CORP [NWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 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)                                                        | Code                                                                                | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Pr |
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| Security (Instr. 3)                            | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                 |                      |                            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                |                                          |                      | Code            | V                                                                          | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Cash-settled restricted stock units <u>(1)</u> |                                          | 10/15/2008           | A               |                                                                            | 750 <u>(2)</u>   |                  | <u>(3)</u>       | <u>(3)</u>      | Class A Common Stock | 750                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                         | Relationships |           |         |                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                         |
| Murdoch James R.<br>C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED<br>1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X             |           |         | Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia |

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O'Leary as Attorney-in-Fact for James R. Murdoch  
 10/17/2008  
 \*\*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).
- (1) 1-for-1  
 The cash-settled restricted stock units were issued pursuant to dividend equivalent rights which were credited to the reporting person for certain outstanding cash-settled restricted stock units held by the reporting person on October 15, 2008, the date on which dividends were paid on the issuer's Class A Common Stock.
- (3) The cash-settled restricted stock units will vest in three, equal annual installments beginning on June 30, 2009 and shall be paid in cash upon vesting.
- (4) The recipient did not pay cash or other consideration for the receipt of cash-settled restricted stock units.
- (5) This number includes previously reported underlying cash-settled restricted stock units which are eligible to receive dividend equivalent rights.

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