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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MCCARRON FRANCIS T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/24/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HARBINGER GROUP INC. [HRG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director _X__ Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

100 MERIDIAN CENTRE.

SUITE 350

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

CFO and Exec. Vice President

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

ROCHESTER, ÂNYÂ 14618

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

(I)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

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

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date

Expiration

Title Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

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						(Instr. 5)	
Options	12/24/2010	12/23/2019	Common Stock	41,667	\$ 7.01	D	Â
Options	12/24/2011	12/23/2019	Common Stock	41,667	\$ 7.01	D	Â
Options	12/24/2012	12/23/2019	Common Stock	41,666	\$ 7.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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MCCARRON FRANCIS T 100 MERIDIAN CENTRE, SUITE 350 ROCHESTER, NY 14618	Â	Â	CFO and Exec. Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Francis T.

McCarron

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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