

LAND JAMES N JR  
Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAND JAMES N JR  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

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

C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS  
CORP., 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD  
S.  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

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 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock par value \$.001 per share <sup>(1)</sup> |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 16,000   | 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) |  |                            |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|   |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                    | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 21.6  | 05/22/2006                           | Â  | A                              | 6,000   | Â   | Â <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/22/2016  | Common Stock par value \$0.001 per share | 6,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 36.56   | 05/17/2007                           | Â  | A                              | 6,000   | Â   | Â <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/17/2017  | Common Stock par value \$0.001 per share | 6,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 15.35   | 05/19/2008                           | Â  | A                              | 6,000   | Â   | Â <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/19/2018  | Common Stock par value \$0.001 per share | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAND JAMES N JR<br>C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP.<br>2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD S.<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89109 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Land, Jr.,  
James N

02/12/2009

\*\*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) This Form 5 is being filed to clarify the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership of derivative and non-derivative securities as of the Issuer's fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

- First 20% of the options vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant, second 20% of the options vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant, third 20% of the options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, fourth 20% of the options vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 20% of the options vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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