

MANNING PATRICK T
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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 *
 MANNING PATRICK T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO
 INC [STRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 20810 FERNBUSH LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2008

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

HOUSTON, TX 77073

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 | | |
| Common stock | 09/19/2008 | | M | 3,700 | A \$ 1.5 | 146,200 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2008 | | M | 3,500 | A \$ 1.725 | 149,700 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.5 | 09/19/2008 | | M | 3,700 | <u>(1)</u> 07/23/2011 | Common Stock | 3,700 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.725 | 09/19/2008 | | M | 3,500 | <u>(2)</u> 07/24/2012 | Common Stock | 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MANNING PATRICK T 20810 FERNBUSH LANE HOUSTON, TX 77073 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Roger M. Barzun under a Power of Attorney 09/19/2008

__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) This stock option is exercisable in five equal installments on the first five anniversaries of the date it was granted, July 23, 2001.
- (2) This stock option is exercisable in five equal installments on the first five anniversaries of the date it was granted, July 24, 2002.

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