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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Patton Michael C	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
425 WINTER ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2008	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Sr VP & Div. Pres., N. America				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
DELAWARE, OH 43015		Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
		•			Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					Reported		

		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Class A Common Stock	01/15/2008	A		1,620	A	\$ 62.38	3,476	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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Patton Michael C 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015

Sr VP & Div. Pres., N. America

Signatures

Michael C. Patton by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

01/16/2008

**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).

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