GREIF INC Form 4 November 04, 2008

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AVRIL VICKI L

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]

(Month/Day/Year)

11/03/2008

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

425 WINTER ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DELAWARE, OH 43015

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title

Amo or Nun

of Sl

159

Phantom

 Stock

 Units
 \$ 39.17
 11/03/2008
 A
 159.56
 08/08/1988(1)
 08/08/1988(1)
 Common Stock

Only

Rights)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AVRIL VICKI L 425 WINTER ROAD X DELAWARE, OH 43015

Signatures

Vicki L. Avril by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

11/04/2008

**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) The units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement from the Board.

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