

PALMISANO SAMUEL J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 PALMISANO SAMUEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 IBM CORPORATION, NEW ORCHARD ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/08/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, Pres., and CEO

(Street)  
 ARMONK, NY 10504

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2009                           |  | M                              | 10,526 A  | \$ 0 120,586.691  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2009                           |  | F                              | 4,839 D   | \$ 101.79 115,747.691   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 309   | I (1)  | daughter  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 529   | I (1)  | son 1   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 309   | I (1)  | son 2   |

Common Stock 194,404 I <sup>(1)</sup> spouse

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Rst. Stock Unit                            | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 05/08/2009                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 10,526  | <sup>(2)</sup>   | <sup>(2)</sup>  | Common Stock          | 10,526                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| PALMISANO SAMUEL J<br>IBM CORPORATION<br>NEW ORCHARD ROAD<br>ARMONK, NY 10504 | X             |           | Chairman, Pres., and CEO |       |

## Signatures

D. Cummins for S. J. Palmisano by power-of-attorney 05/11/2009

<sup>\_\_</sup>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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) These units were payable in cash or the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions on the transaction date shown.

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### (3) Release of restricted stock units.

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