

THORNTON JOHN L  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
THORNTON JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA  
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE  
OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEWS CORP [NWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		M			1,311	1,311	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		D			\$ 24.77	0	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		M			1,339	1,339	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		D			\$ 0	0	D	

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Common Stock						24.77		
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	2,021	A	Ⓛ	2,021		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	2,021	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	2,516	A	Ⓛ	2,516		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	2,516	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	3,095	A	Ⓛ	3,095		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	3,095	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	4,310	A	Ⓛ	4,310		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	4,310	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	3,236	A	Ⓛ	3,236		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	3,236	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	2,643	A	Ⓛ	2,643		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	2,643	D	\$ 24.77	0		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	2,153	A	Ⓛ	2,153		D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	2,153	D	\$ 24.77	0		D

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Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	M	2,056	A	<u>(1)</u>	2,056	D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012	D	2,056	D	\$ 24.77	0	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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	1,311	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	1,311
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	1,339	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	1,339
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	2,021	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,021
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	2,516	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,516
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	3,095	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	3,095
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	10/16/2012		M	4,310	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	4,310

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Deferred Stock Units	(2)	10/16/2012	M	3,236	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,236	(1)
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	10/16/2012	M	2,643	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	2,643	(1)
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	10/16/2012	M	2,153	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	2,153	(1)
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	10/16/2012	M	2,056	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	2,056	(1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON JOHN L C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Laura Cleveland as Attorney-in-Fact for John L. Thornton	10/18/2012
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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 deferred stock units were deemed to have settled for the cash value of an equivalent number of shares of News Corporation's Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of News Corporation's Class A Common Stock.
- (3) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the earlier of (1) the fifth anniversary of the grant date or (2) the date of the director's end of service on the Board of Directors. Mr. Thornton did not stand for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors, and, accordingly, his service on the Board of Directors ended upon the conclusion of the News Corporation annual meeting of stockholders held on October 16, 2012.

### Remarks:

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