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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock (1)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM] Minc David C. (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3550 WEST MARKET STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person AKRON, OHÂ 44333 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One V.P. - Chief Legal Counsel Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

6,000

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative (1	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Performance Shares (2) (3)	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 0 (4)	D	Â
Performance Shares (2)	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 0 (4)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Minc David C. 3550 WEST MARKET STREET AKRON, OH 44333	Â	Â	V.P Chief Legal Counsel	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, attorney in fact for David C. Minc

07/10/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Award represents a grant of restricted stock pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan"). Under the 2006 Plan, restrictions on stock awards lapse at a rate of 33 1/3% on June 4th of 2009, 2010 and 2011.
 - Award represents a grant of Performance Shares pursuant to the 2006 Plan, which may be settled for shares of common stock upon the occurrence of specific criteria. On February 28, 2011 (the "Settlement Date"), if between the Grant Date and the Settlement Date total shareholder returns on the Company's shares relative to a peer group of similar companies ("Share Value") is below the 25th percentile,
- (2) all of the Performance Shares will be forfeited. If the Share Value meets or exceeds the 25th percentile, but is less than the 50th percentile, two-thirds (2/3) of the Performance Shares will be forfeited. If the Share Value meets or exceeds the 50th percentile, but is less than the 75th percentile, one-third (1/3) of the Performance Shares will be forfeited. If the Share Value meets or exceeds the 75th percentile, all Performance Shares will vest.
- (3) Award includes all dividends accrued on vested Performance Shares from the Grant Date until the Settlement Date.
- (4) On the Settlement Date, all vested Performance Shares shall be settled for shares of the Company's common stock on a 1-to-1 basis.

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