

MITAROTONDA JAMES A  
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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 \*  
MITAROTONDA JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/14/2009

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

C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P., 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	01/14/2009		J <sup>(1)</sup>	8,927	D	②	417,516	I	By Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock							653,177	I	By Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>
							484,713	I	

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Common  
Stock

By Barington  
Investments,  
L.P. (3) (4)

Common  
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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MITAROTONDA JAMES A  
C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P.  
888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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## Signatures

/s/ James A.  
Mitarotonda

01/16/2009

\*\*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) Distribution to a redeeming investor in Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. of its pro rata ownership of common stock of A. Schulman, Inc.
- (2) Not applicable.

- The Reporting Person's relationship to Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. ("Barington"), Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("Barington Fund") and Barington Investments, L.P. ("Barington Investments") is described in this footnote. The Reporting Person is the sole stockholder and director of LNA Capital Corp., which is the general partner of Barington Capital Group L.P., which is the majority member of Barington Companies Advisors, LLC, Barington Companies Investors, LLC and Barington Offshore Advisors II, LLC. Barington Companies Investors, LLC is the general partner of Barington. Barington Companies Advisors, LLC is the general partner of Barington Investments. Barington Offshore Advisors II, LLC is the investment advisor of Barington Fund.
- (3)

- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this
- (4) report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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