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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SMITH INTERNATIONAL INC [SII] Rivers Christopher I.S. (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) P.O. BOX 60068 (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 (give title below) (specify below) HOUSTON, TXÂ 77205-0068 Form filed by More than One President & CE0, M-I SWACO 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) (Instr. 5) Common Sock D Â 52,297 Common Stock 8,341 (5) I By 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/05/2004	12/05/2010	Commom Stock	4,680	\$ 15.38	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	12/04/2011	Common Stock	11,560	\$ 11.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	16,500	\$ 17.36	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	12/02/2013	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 19.41	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	12/07/2014	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 28.13	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Rivers Christopher I.S. P.O. BOX 60068	Â	â	President & CE0, M-I	Â		
HOUSTON, TX 77205-0068	А	A	SWACO	А		

Signatures

Christopher I.S.
Rivers

**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) The option is exercisable in two (2) equal installments on December 4, 2004 and December 4, 2005.
- (2) The option is exercisable in three (3) equal installments on December 3, 2004, December 3, 2005 and December 3, 2006.
- (3) The option is exercisable in four (4) equal installments on December 2, 2004, December 2, 2005 and December 2, 2006 and December 2, 2007.
- (4) The option is exercisable in four (4) equal installments on December 7, 2005 and December 7, 2006 and December 7, 2007 and December 7, 2008.
- (5) Based on a plan statement under Smith International's 401(k) Plan as of 12/31/2008

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