MCCONNELL J WARD JR

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

MCCONNELL J WARD JR

(Middle)

ARTS WAY MANUFACTURING CO INC [ARTW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

PO BOX 6219

08/21/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

KINSTON, NC 28501

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

(A) Code V (D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

ART'S

STOCK

wAY \$ 12.1 08/21/2008 **COMMON**

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04/25/2008 04/25/2018 MANUFACTUR

COMMON STO

ARTS WAY

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCONNELL J WARD JR PO BOX 6219

KINSTON, NC 28501

X

Signatures

J. WARD 09/15/2008 MCCONNELL, JR.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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EXERICSE OF OPTIONS GRANTED ON 04/25/2008 PURSUANT TO 2007 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS' STOCK OPTION

(1) PLAN ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF ART'S WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC.

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