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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 HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF] BERG JOHN J (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1398 CENTRAL AVE. (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 DUBUQUE, IAÂ 52001 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP, Marketing & Sales 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 (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) $D^{(3)}$ Â Common Stock 412.114 (2) Common Stock 3,000 I **IRA** Common Stock 6 Ι Retirement Plan (1) 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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/16/2017	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 29.65	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/24/2018	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 18.6	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BERG JOHN J 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001	Â	Â	EVP, Marketing & Sales	Â	

Signatures

/s/ John J. Berg 06/03/2008

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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) Represents shares allocated to the reporting person's account under the Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Retirement Plan as a result of the Pension Plan Protection Act of 2006.
- (2) These shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) These shares are held in the name of John J. Berg & Ann K. Berg Jt Ten
- (4) Represents options to buy granted under the Company's Stock Option Plan, a rule 16(b)(3) plan, which options vest one-third per year beginning on the 3rd anniversary of the date of the grant.

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