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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP Form 4 November 07, 2008 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PALMISANO SAMUEL J Issuer Symbol INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (Check all applicable) MACHINES CORP [IBM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) IBM CORPORATION. NEW 11/06/2008 Chairman, Pres., and CEO ORCHARD ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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 ARMONK, NY 10504 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned (T)(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	•	Code (Instr.	8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	11/06/2008		A <u>(2)</u>		374		(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	374	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PALMISANO SAMUEL J IBM CORPORATION NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504	Х		Chairman, Pres., and CEO					
Signatures								
D. Cummins for S. J. Palmisano by power-of-attorney			11/07/2008					

**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) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (3) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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