#### **NEWPORT CORP**

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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 NEWPORT CORP [NEWP] A Nelson Mark Joseph (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1791 DEERE AVENUE (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) IRVINE, CAÂ 92606 Form filed by More than One VP & Corporate Controller 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) D Â Common Stock 38,155 (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

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$ 

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

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock option (right to buy)	(2)	10/10/2014	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 11.74	D	Â
Stock option (right to buy)	(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	1,875	\$ 13.46	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>Fg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Nelson Mark Joseph 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606	Â	Â	VP & Corporate Controller	Â		

# **Signatures**

Jeffrey B. Coyne, SVP & General
Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for 05/23/2008
reporting person

\*\*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).
- Includes restricted stock units representing the right to receive upon vesting a total of 36,355 shares of common stock, which vest in multiple installments subject to the achievement by the issuer of specified financial performance goals for fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (2) 750 shares of common stock underlying the outstanding option had vested as of October 11, 2007, and the remaining 750 shares will vest on October 11, 2008.
- (3) 1,250 shares of common stock underlying the outstanding option had vested as of February 23, 2008, and the remaining 625 shares will vest on February 23, 2009.

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