

STERNBERG SEYMOUR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STERNBERG SEYMOUR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIT GROUP INC., 1 CIT DRIVE

(Street)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | 0.9011 D \$ 36.68 | 10,937.586 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | | M ⁽⁵⁾ | 808 A (4) | 11,745.586 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | | D ⁽⁵⁾ | 404 D \$ 36.68 | 11,341.586 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,221 | I | Seymour Sternberg 2010 Grantor Retained |

Annuity
Trust u/a/d
12/08/2010
(GRAT
Trust)

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/10/2012 | | M(5) | 808 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 808 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STERNBERG SEYMOUR C/O CIT GROUP INC. 1 CIT DRIVE LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Sternberg

05/14/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Fractional shares were paid in cash upon scheduled vesting and settlement of restricted stock.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents one share of CIT common stock.

RSU's are scheduled to vest in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and are payable

(3) 50% in shares of CIT common stock and 50% in cash. The cash payment shall be based on the closing price of CIT common stock on the vesting date.

(4) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") had the economic equivalent of one share of CIT common stock.

The restricted stock units settled 50% in stock and 50% in cash, which was deemed to occur through an acquisition of 100% of the

(5) underlying shares of CIT common stock and a simultaneous disposition to the issuer of 50% of the underlying shares of CIT common stock.

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