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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 TRI VALLEY CORP [TIV] A Mayer James (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 4550 CALIFORNIA AVENUE, (Check all applicable) SUITE 600 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner _X_ Director Officer _Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BAKERSFIELD, CAÂ 93309 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 12,000 D 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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration ble Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	08/14/2013	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 7.25	D	Â

Reporting Owners

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Mayer James 4550 CALIFORNIA AVENUE, SUITE 600	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â	
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309					

Signatures

/s/ John Durbin by Power of Attorney for the Reporting 06/22/2011 Person

**Signature of 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).
- This Option shall become exercisable as follows: 20,000 shares as of 08/14/2008. Starting in 2009; 20,000 shares every time Mr. Mayer is reelected director of Tri-Valley Corporation through 12/31/2012.

Date

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Remarks:

EXHIBIT LIST: Exhibit 24.1 Power of Attorney

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