

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
FRIBOURG PAUL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

(Street)

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/14/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/15/2008		P ⁽²⁾		3,800 A \$ 26	9,688,985	I ⁽¹⁾ see footnote #1
Common Stock	01/15/2008		P ⁽²⁾		500 A \$ 26.01	9,689,485	I ⁽¹⁾ see footnote #1
Common Stock	01/15/2008		P ⁽²⁾		100 A \$ 26.02	9,689,585	I ⁽¹⁾ see footnote #1
Common Stock	01/15/2008		P ⁽²⁾		200 A \$ 26.03	9,689,785	I ⁽¹⁾ see footnote #1

Explanation of Responses:

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- The shares listed as indirectly owned in the table above are shares owned directly by ContiGroup Companies, Inc. ("ContiGroup"). Mr. Fribourg may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock owned directly by ContiGroup by virtue of being the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of ContiGroup. In addition, Mr. Fribourg is one of the co-trustees and in one case, a beneficiary, of various trusts established for the benefit of certain members of Mr. Fribourg's family that collectively control a majority interest in ContiGroup. Mr. Fribourg disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to all of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.
- (1)
 - (2) The purchases reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by ContiGroup on October 12, 2007.

Remarks:

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