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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 NEWS CORP [NWS] Murdoch James R. (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O NEWS AMERICA (Check all applicable) INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 10% Owner _X__ Director _X__ Officer (Street) Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK. NYÂ 10036 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Class A Common Stock 943,279 D Â Class B Common Stock D 1,644 Class A Common Stock 3,055,301 I JRM Family Trust (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Murdoch James R.

C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036

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Chair/Chief Exec. Europe Asia Â

Signatures

/s/ Laura O'Leary, Attorney in Fact for James R. Murdoch

12/17/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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).
- Held by the JRM Family Trust which is administered by an independent trustee for the benefit of the reporting person and his immediate **(1)** family.

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