

CATERPILLAR INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â LAVIN RICHARD P		(Month/Day/Year)	CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/01/2007		
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Group President	
PEORIA, Â IL Â 61629			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	34,133 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
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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)

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)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common	4,415	\$ (3)	D	Â
Option (ISO)	06/08/1999	06/08/2009	Common	3,208	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/08/1999	06/08/2009	Common	11,632	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/10/2003	06/10/2013	Common	54,000	\$ 27.1425	D	Â
Option (NQ)	06/08/2004	06/08/2014	Common	70,000	\$ 38.6275	D	Â
Option (NQ)	02/18/2005	02/18/2015	Common	70,000	\$ 45.6425	D	Â
Option (NSAR)	02/17/2006	02/17/2016	Common	48,000	\$ 72.05	D	Â
Option (NSAR)	03/02/2007	03/02/2017	Common	47,580	\$ 63.04	D	Â
Option (RSU)	03/02/2007	03/02/2017	Common	2,594	\$ 63.04	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAVIN RICHARD P 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Â Group President	Â

Signatures

R. P. Lavin; L.J.
Huxtable, POA

12/03/2007

**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).

(1) This amount includes 10,327 shares in 401K.

(2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.

(3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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