

GENERAL MILLS INC
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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 *
ESREY WILLIAM T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

108 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD W,
SUITE 210

(Street)

VAIL, CO 81657

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/22/2008

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/22/2008 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | V 1,321 ⁽²⁾ | (A) or (D) \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 29,648.9309 | D |

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)

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| 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 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 68.17 | 09/22/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 6,602 | 09/28/2009 09/22/2018 | Common Stock | 6,602 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ESREY WILLIAM T 108 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD W, SUITE 210 VAIL, CO 81657 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Trevor V. Gunderson For: William T. Esrey
Date: 09/24/2008

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Automatic grant of restricted stock under the General Mills, Inc. 2006 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) Following vest, on date(s) selected in advance by Reporting Person, Reporting Person will receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (3) Automatic grant of Non-Employee Director stock option (right to buy) under the General Mills, Inc. 2006 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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