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Form 4  
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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 \*  
Friendly Ian R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/21/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, COO, US Retail

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 16,500 A \$ 34.72   | 120,028.9984   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 16,500 D \$ 70.5016   | 103,528.9984   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 80,000 A \$ 40.47   | 183,528.9984   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 80,000 D \$ 70.5016   | 103,528.9984   | D   |
|                                 | 04/21/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 5,200 A \$ 43.79  | 108,728.9984   | D   |

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Common  
Stock

|                 |            |   |       |   |                             |              |   |                           |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 04/21/2010 | S | 5,200 | D | \$<br>70.5016<br><u>(1)</u> | 103,528.9984 | D |                           |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 376          | I | by Child<br>#1 <u>(2)</u> |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 376          | I | by Child<br>#2 <u>(2)</u> |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 376          | I | by Child<br>#3 <u>(2)</u> |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 6,174        | I | by Trust<br><u>(3)</u>    |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 3,033        | I | by Trust<br>2 <u>(4)</u>  |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |                             | 3,975        | I | by Trust<br>3 <u>(5)</u>  |

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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |    |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|----|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                                  |    |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 34.72   | 04/21/2010                              |   | M                                    | 16,500   | 08/01/2000   | 09/01/2010   | Common<br>Stock                        | 16 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 40.47   | 04/21/2010                              |   | M                                    | 80,000   | 12/18/2004   | 01/18/2011   | Common<br>Stock                        | 80 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 43.79   | 04/21/2010                              |   | M                                    | 5,200  | 08/01/2001   | 09/01/2011   | Common<br>Stock                        | 5, |

(right to buy)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Friendly Ian R<br>NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 |               |           | EVP, COO, US Retail |       |

## Signatures

By: Christopher A Rauschl For: Ian R  
Friendly 04/22/2010

\_\_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) Represents the weighted average of actual sale prices that range from \$70.50 to \$70.53. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any security holder of the company.
- (2) Shares held in irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's child(ren).
- (3) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (4) Held in Trust for which the reporting person's spouse is a trustee and the reporting person's spouse and children are beneficiaries.
- (5) Grantor Retained Annuity Trust for which reporting person serves as trustee and exercises investment and voting control.
- (6) Employee option (right to buy) granted under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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