

Zerkle John R
Form 4
December 22, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Zerkle John R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD

(Street)

BATESVILLE, IN 47006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Hillenbrand, Inc. [HI]

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

12/18/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior V.P. Gen. Counsel & Sec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	12/18/2008		A	(A) or (D) Amount 40,735 (1)	\$ 0 51,669	D	

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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 (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.89	12/18/2008		A	36,209	12/18/2009 ⁽²⁾ 12/18/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zerkle John R ONE BATESVILLE BOULEVARD BATESVILLE, IN 47006			Senior V.P. Gen. Counsel & Sec	

Signatures

Carol A. Roell As Attorney-in-Fact for John R.
Zerkle

12/22/2008

__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) Consists of unvested shares of Restricted Stock subject to vesting conditions based on the Company's financial performance.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date indicated.

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