

Unger James J
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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 *
 Unger James J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 American Railcar Industries, Inc./DE [ARII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/04/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

C/O AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC., 100 CLARK STREET

(Street)

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

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

ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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 (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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 29.49	04/04/2007		A	50,000	<u>(1)</u> 04/04/2014	04/04/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 20.88	04/28/2008		A	25,000	<u>(2)</u> 04/28/2015	04/28/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 20.88	04/28/2008		A	25,000	<u>(3)</u> 04/28/2015	04/28/2015	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Unger James J C/O AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. 100 CLARK STREET ST. CHARLES, MO 63301			President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ James J. Unger 09/12/2008

**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) The SARs vest in four equal increments on April 4, 2008, April 4, 2009, April 4, 2010 and April 4, 2011.
- (2) The SARs vest in four equal increments on April 28, 2009, April 29, 2010, April 28, 2011 and April 28, 2012.
- (3) The SARs vest in four equal increments on April 28, 2009, April 28, 2010 and April 29, 2011, and April 28, 2012, but only if the closing price of the Company's common stock achieves a specified price target during the preceding calendar year for twenty trading days during any sixty day trading day period.

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