

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
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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 \*  
 DOUGLASS SAM P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
 [EQS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY, 13TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/27/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-Chairman

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77019

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

(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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price \$				
				Code V	Amount				
Common Stock	09/27/2007		J <sup>(1)</sup>	189,716	A	7.74 <u>(1)</u>	490,582	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock							22,815	D	
Common Stock							46,446	I	Trust of which Mr. Douglass is the beneficiary

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Common Stock		33,150	I	Held by Mr. Douglass' spouse
Common Stock		47,919	I	Trust of which Mr. Douglass' spouse is the beneficiary

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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOUGLASS SAM P 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY 13TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77019	X		Co-Chairman	

## Signatures

Sam P.  
Douglass 10/01/2007

\*\*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).

The securities were previously pledged to the Douglass Trust IV FBO Brooke Douglass and the the Douglass Trust IV FBO Sam Preston

(1) Douglass Jr. as collateral to secure certain promissory notes and transferred to the Douglass Trust IV FBO Brooke Douglass and the Douglass Trust IV FBO Sam Preston Douglass, Jr. in partial settlement of such notes. The settlement included \$1,468,401.84 for the transferred securities and the issuance of additional promissory notes.

(2) Trusts FBO Douglass family members of which Mr. Douglass is trustee and lifetime beneficiary.

### Remarks:

Mr. Douglass disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by him.

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