

Neamtz Steven J
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FORM 4

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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 *
Neamtz Steven J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Head of Retail Distribution

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC., 100 PEARL 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

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|--|--------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 2,191.263 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,19 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 3,288.167 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 3,28 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.38 | 01/02/2009 | | J | V 5,477 | (5) | 02/13/2018 | Common Stock | 5,4 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Neamtz Steven J
C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.
100 PEARL STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06103

Head of Retail Distribution

Signatures

Kevin J. Carr,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/06/2009

 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 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") convert to common stock of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.
 - (2) These RSUs will cliff vest on February 13, 2011.

These RSUs were previously granted to the Reporting Person under a Phoenix Companies, Inc. ("PNX") equity plan and, in connection
 - (3) with the spin-off by PNX of the Issuer, were converted into RSUs of the Issuer in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, dated December 18, 2008, between the Issuer and PNX.
 - (4) These RSUs will cliff vest on March 5, 2011.
 - (5) This option will vest in one-third increments on February 13, 2009, February 13, 2010, and February 13, 2011.

These options were previously granted to the Reporting Person under a PNX equity plan and, in connection with the spin-off by PNX of
 - (6) the Issuer, were converted into options to purchase common stock of the Issuer in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, dated December 18, 2008, between the Issuer and PNX.

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