

COUGHLIN CHRISTOPHER J  
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 \*  
COUGHLIN CHRISTOPHER J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DUN & BRADSTREET CORP/NW  
[DNB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/15/2008

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

103 JFK PARKWAY

(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

SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

(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) |          |   |         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------|---|---------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |                                   |          |   |         |
| Common Stock                    | 09/15/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 13.45<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 92.8                           | 4,173.15 | D |         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 800 (2)  | I | By wife |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Phantom Stock Units - Deferred Compensation <u>(3)</u> | <u>(4)</u>   | 09/15/2008                           |  | A                              | 9.725<br><u>(3)</u>   | <u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u>                                    | Common Stock  | 9.725<br><u>(3)</u>        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COUGHLIN CHRISTOPHER J<br>103 JFK PARKWAY<br>SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Christine Cappuccia for Christopher J. Coughlin 09/17/2008

\*\*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) Acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the issuer's non-employee directors' stock incentive plan in connection with restricted stock units held by the reporting person.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) Phantom stock is reported in units vs. shares in the D&B Common Stock Fund of the issuer's non-employee directors' deferred compensation plan (the "Plan").
- (4) Each phantom stock unit entitles the reporting person to a cash payment based on the value on the payout date of the issuer's common stock corresponding to such units. Based on the \$91.50 closing price of the issuer's common stock on the transaction date, each unit corresponds to approximately 2.68 shares.
- (5) The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units to alternative investment funds in the Plan.

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(6) These phantom stock units are payable in cash after the reporting person ceases to be a member of the issuer's board of directors.

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