

Jolson Joseph A
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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 *
 Jolson Joseph A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 600 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 1100
 (Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 JMP Group Inc. [JMP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2008 | | A | | 146,250 | A | \$ 0 (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 447,613 | I | By Jolson 1991 Trust (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,233,597 | I | By Jolson 1996 Trust (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 75,000 | I | By Foundation (4) |

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|--------------|--------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 30,367 | I | By Jolson 2005 Trust <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock | 20,245 | I | By Jolson 2004 Trust <u>(6)</u> |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾ | 12/22/2008 | | D | 146,250 | 12/22/2008 ⁽⁸⁾ 12/22/2008 ⁽⁸⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jolson Joseph A 600 MONTGOMERY STREET SUITE 1100 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | X | X | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

Janet Tarkoff on behalf of Joseph A. Jolson 12/24/2008

__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) Acquisition of common stock resulting from vesting and delivery of 100% of the restricted stock units granted on 1/16/2008.

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- (2) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1991 Trust, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee.
- (3) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1996 Trust dtd 3/7/96, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee.
- (4) Reflects shares of common stock held by The Jolson Family Foundation, of which Mr. Jolson is President and Treasurer. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (5) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2005 Trust FBO Jolson Children for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's children. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2004 Trust FBO Samantha Rohan Jolson for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's daughter. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (7) Each unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock or an amount equal to the fair market value of one share of common stock on the applicable vesting date.
- (8) As of 12/22/2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors accelerated vesting of 100% of the RSUs granted on 1/16/08.

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