

FERGUSON STUART E
Form 4
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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 *
FERGUSON STUART E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WEATHERFORD
INTERNATIONAL LTD [WFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SR VP Res & Prod & CTO

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	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
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	12/31/2008	A		495		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	495	\$ 0
Phantom Stock Units	(1)						(3)	(3)	Common Shares	14,521	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FERGUSON STUART E 515 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 600 HOUSTON, TX 77027			SR VP Res & Prod & CTO	

Signatures

Burt M. Martin, by Power of Attorney 01/05/2009

__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 phantom stock units convert to common shares on a one-for-one basis.
The phantom stock units were credited under the Company's Foreign Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Plan (the "FEDC"). The phantom stock units credited are based upon the Company's allocation of an amount equal to 15% of the participant's compensation. All units credited under the FEDC vest at 20% per year for each year of service. Distributions under the Plan are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.
- (3) All phantom stock units credited under the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") with respect to deferrals by a participant are 100% vested at all times. All units credited under the Plan by the Company's 7.5% allocation and matching allocation vest at 20% per year for each year of service. Distributions under the Plan are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.

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