

Hirst Cherrell  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Hirst Cherrell		(Month/Day/Year)	PEPLIN INC [PLI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		10/30/2008		
C/O PEPLIN, INC.,Â 6475			(Check all applicable)	
CHRISTIE AVENUE			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
EMERYVILLE,Â CAÂ 94608			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	17,684 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	4,950 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Cherrell Hirst Super Fund

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Warrant (right to buy)	07/03/2006	10/30/2010	Common Stock	707 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 12	D	Â
Common Stock Warrant (right to buy)	07/03/2006	10/30/2010	Common Stock	225 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 12	I	By Cherrell Hirst Super Fund
Stock Option	10/06/2008	10/05/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 6.24	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hirst Cherrell C/O PEPLIN, INC. 6475 CHRISTIE AVENUE EMERYVILLE, CA 94608	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Candace Page, Attorney-in-Fact for  
Cherrell Hirst

10/30/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares are converted from CHESSE Depository Interests which represent 1/20 of one share of common stock of the Issuer.
- (2) Excludes fractional shares that result from conversion of CHESSE Depository Interests which represent 1/20 of one share of common stock of the Issuer.

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