

KROGER CO
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HELDMAN PAUL W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KROGER CO [KR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
02/02/2008

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) | Amount (A) or Price (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 234,261.1854 (1) (2) | D | Â |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 320 | I | by Children |

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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option | \$ 22.2344 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (3) | 04/16/2008 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option | \$ 27.1719 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (4) | 05/27/2009 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option | \$ 16.5938 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (5) | 02/11/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option | \$ 22.995 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (6) | 05/09/2012 | Common Stock | 13,300 |
| Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option | \$ 24.43 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (7) | 05/10/2011 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 22.995 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/09/2012 | Common Stock | 26,600 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 14.925 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 12/12/2012 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 17.31 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/06/2014 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 16.385 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/05/2015 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 19.94 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/04/2016 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 28.27 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 06/28/2017 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 24.43 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/10/2011 | Common Stock | 12,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 16.5938 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 02/11/2010 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| | \$ 27.1719 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (8) | 05/27/2009 | | 25,000 |

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