

NEWPORT CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 Nelson Mark Joseph		(Month/Day/Year)	NEWPORT CORP [NEWP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/19/2008	
1791 DEERE AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
IRVINE,Â CAÂ 92606			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			VP & Corporate Controller	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<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	38,155 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock option (right to buy)	Â (2)	10/10/2014	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 11.74	D	Â
Stock option (right to buy)	Â (3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	1,875	\$ 13.46	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Mark Joseph 1791 DEERE AVENUE IRVINE, CA 92606	Â	Â	Â VP & Corporate Controller	Â

## Signatures

Jeffrey B. Coyne, SVP & General Counsel, as attorney-in-fact for reporting person

05/23/2008

\_\_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).
- Includes restricted stock units representing the right to receive upon vesting a total of 36,355 shares of common stock, which vest in
- (1) multiple installments subject to the achievement by the issuer of specified financial performance goals for fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010.
  - (2) 750 shares of common stock underlying the outstanding option had vested as of October 11, 2007, and the remaining 750 shares will vest on October 11, 2008.
  - (3) 1,250 shares of common stock underlying the outstanding option had vested as of February 23, 2008, and the remaining 625 shares will vest on February 23, 2009.

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