

DEBOER SIDNEY B
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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 *
DEBOER SIDNEY B

(Last) (First) (Middle)
360 E. JACKSON ST.
(Street)

MEDFORD, OR 97501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/01/2009

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common | 04/01/2009 | | M | | 16,000 | A | \$ 1 65,796 |
| Class A Common | | | | | 79,500 | I | Deboer Family, LLC ⁽¹⁾ |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (2001) (NQ) (right to buy) | \$ 1 | 04/01/2009 | | M | | 16,000 | | 12/26/2005 | 12/26/2010 | Class A Common | 16,000 |
| Class B Common | \$ 0 | | | | | | | (2) | (2) | Class A Common | 3,762,200 |
| Stock Option (2000sd) (NQ) (right to buy) | \$ 16.75 | | | | | | | (4) | 01/06/2010 | Class A Common | 22,010 |
| Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy) | \$ 15.13 | | | | | | | 12/26/2007 | 12/26/2012 | Class A Common | 16,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.42 | | | | | | | 03/11/2009 | 03/11/2010 | Class A Common | 16,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.58 | | | | | | | 02/09/2010 | 02/09/2011 | Class A Common | 20,000 |
| Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy) | \$ 19.24 | | | | | | | 12/26/2006 | 12/26/2011 | Class A Common | 16,000 |

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|---|----------|-----|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Stock Option (2001sd) (NQ) (right to purchase) | \$ 11.81 | (5) | 12/26/2010 | Class A Common | 31,78 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 31.67 | | 03/10/2011 03/10/2012 | Class A Common | 24,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.34 | | 03/09/2012 03/09/2013 | Class A Common | 24,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.38 | | 03/10/2012 03/09/2014 | Class A Common | 25,00 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEBOER SIDNEY B 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501 | X | X | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer,
Attorney-in-Fact for

04/02/2009

__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) Sidney B. DeBoer is the trustee of the Sidney B. DeBoer Trust, which is the owner of a majority interest in the LLC and is the sole manager of the LLC
- (2) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.
Mr. DeBoer, through DeBoer Family, LLC, of which he is the sole manager, owns a majority interest in Lithia Holding Company, LLC, of which he is also the sole manager; and he has elected to report all Class B Common Stock owned by the Lithia Holding Company, LLC as being beneficially owned by him.
- (3) The options vest as follows: 13,627 on 1/6/01 and 8,383 on 1/6/02.
- (4) The options vest 8,360 shares on 12/26/00, 2,108 on 12/26/02, 10,565 on 12/26/03 and 10,755 on 12/26/04

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