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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement FREDS INC [FRED] A Gabor Teresa (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer \_ Other Person MEMPHIS, TNÂ 38118 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock  $1,180^{(1)}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		T:41-	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
				Security	Direct (D)	
					or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option on Class A Common Stock	03/11/2008(2)	09/11/2010(2)	Class A Common Stock	7,200 (2)	\$ 17.67	D	Â
Option on Class A Common Stock	05/19/2008(3)	09/19/2010(3)	Class A Common stock	1,800 (3)	\$ 20.6	D	Â
Option on Class A Common Stock	09/08/2009(4)	09/08/2011(4)	Class A Common Stock	3,000 (4)	\$ 14.6	D	Â
Option on Class A Common stock	03/21/2011(5)	03/21/2013(5)	Class A Common Stock	1,800 (5)	\$ 13.25	D	Â

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gabor Teresa 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS. TN 38118	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

## **Signatures**

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

\*\*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) The employee has received shares with a restriction that will lapse 1/4 per year based on achievement of current year EPS and achievement of progressive increases in each subsequent year. Shares granted 5/3/2010.
- (2) Employee received 7200 options on 03/11/2003 to purchase FRED at \$17.67. This is fully vested and expires 9/11/2010.
- (3) Employee received 1800 options on 05/19/2003 to purchase FRED at \$20.60. They are fully vested and expire 9/19/2010.
- (4) Employee received 3000 options on 9/8/2004 to purchase FRED at \$14.60. They are fully vested and expire 9/8/2011
- (5) Employee received 1800 options on 3/21/2006 to purchase FRED at \$13.25. 1440 are fully vested with the remainder to vest 03/21/2011 and all expire 03/21/2013

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