

BEATT BRUCE H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BEATT BRUCE H

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 STANLEY DRIVE  
(Street)

NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STANLEY WORKS [SWK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2008

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)  
V.P., Gen. Counsel & Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2008		A	Amount (2) 5,600	\$ 0 12,840	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		D	295 (3)	\$ 34 12,545	D	
Common Stock (4)					3,398.4632	I	Through Computershare Under Esp

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.345	12/09/2008		A	20,000	(1) 12/09/2018	Common Stock	20,000
Interest In Employer Stock Fund (401(k) Plan) (6)	\$ 47.27 (5)					(5) (5)	Common Stock	3,000
Interest in Employer Stock Fund (Supplemental Plan) (7)	(5)					(5) (5)	Common Stock	4,780

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEATT BRUCE H 1000 STANLEY DRIVE NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053			V.P., Gen. Counsel & Sec'y	

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce H. Beatt 12/11/2008

\*\*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) The option will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (2) Shares to be delivered on vesting of restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover taxes on vesting of restricted stock units
- (4) Aggregate number of shares held in ESPP as of the last day of the calendar month prior to the date of this report including shares acquired or disposed of on various dates since balance was last reported. Because interest in Plan is denominated in cash, fluctuation in share price since the balance was last reported may have resulted in either an increase or decrease in associated number of shares.
- (5) Exempt
- (6) Represents shares held for the reporting person under the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan as of the last day of the calendar month prior to the date of this report including shares acquired or disposed of on various dates since balance was last reported. Because interest in Plan is denominated in cash, fluctuation in share price since the balance was last reported may have resulted in either an increase or decrease in associated number of shares.
- (7) Represents shares held for the reporting person under the Company's Supplemental Plan as of the last day of the calendar month prior to the date of this report including shares acquired or disposed of on various dates since balance was last reported. Because interest in Plan is denominated in cash, fluctuation in share price since this balance was last reported may have resulted in either an increase or decrease in associated number of shares.

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