

SILVERMAN HARVEY  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Benson Thomas P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O RFX ACQUISITION LLC, 650  
MADISON AVENUE, 16TH  
FLOOR  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_X\_\_ 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)	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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	12/08/2008		J	0 D \$ 0	1,248,605 (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)	I (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)	See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benson Thomas P C/O RFX ACQUISITION LLC 650 MADISON AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
Nelson Mitchell J 650 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
LEDY DAVID M C/O FX REAL ESTATE AND ENTERTAINMENT INC 650 MADISON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
SILVERMAN HARVEY C/O WORLWIDE ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS C29 29 NORTHFIELD AVENUE WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052		X		
Bloom Bryan Elliot 67 PARK PLACE, NINTH FLOOR MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960		X		
Meyer Michael J C/O FX REAL ESTATE AND ENTERTAINMENT INC 650 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P.  
Benson 12/10/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

/s/ Mitchell J.  
Nelson 12/10/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

/s/ David M.  
Ledy 12/10/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

/s/ Harvey  
Silverman 12/10/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

/s/ Bryan E.  
Bloom 12/10/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

/s/ Michael J.  
Meyer 12/10/2008

\_\_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).

This is a joint filing by Thomas P. Benson; Mitchell J. Nelson; David M. Ledy, Harvey Silverman, Bryan E. Bloom and Michael J.

(1) Meyer (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). The Reporting Persons are filing this Form 4 in connection with a Form 4 filed on an even date herewith by the persons listed in "Remarks" below. (cont'd in fn 2)

(cont'd from fn 1) On December 8, 2008, Flag Luxury Riv, LLC ("FLR"), Rivacq LLC, and RH1, LLC ("RH1") entered into a

(2) Termination Agreement (the "Termination Agreement"), pursuant to which the parties agreed to terminate the Amended and Restated Joint Bidding Agreement, dated as of April 5, 2006 by and among FLR, RH1, High Desert Gaming LLC and Rivacq LLC, as amended by letter agreement dated April 16, 2007 ("Joint Bidding Agreement"). (cont'd in fn 3)

(3) (cont'd from fn 2) After termination of the Joint Bidding Agreement, RH1 may be deemed the direct beneficial owner of 256,536 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 2.05% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008. (cont'd in fn 4)

(4) (cont'd from fn 3) RH1 has sole voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. After termination of the Joint Bidding Agreement, FLR may be deemed the direct beneficial owner of 992,069 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 7.94% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008. FLR has sole voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. FX Luxury Realty, LLC ("FXLR"), as a member of FLR with a 100% equity interest in FLR, and as a member of RH1 with a 100% equity interest in RH1, may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of 1,248,605 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 9.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008. (cont'd in fn 5)

(5) (cont'd from fn 4) FXLR has shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. FX Real Estate & Entertainment, Inc. ("FXRE"), as the managing member of FXLR holding 100% of the common membership interests in FXLR, may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Robert F.X. Sillerman, as Chairman and CEO of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of

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Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 6)

(cont'd from fn 5) Paul C. Kanavos, as President of FLR and Director and President of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock.

- (6) Brett Torino, as Chairman-Las Vegas Division of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Barry A. Shier, as Director and Chief Operating Officer of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 7)

(cont'd from fn 6) Thomas P. Benson, as Director, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Mitchell Nelson, as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. David M. Ledy, as a Director of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Harvey Silverman, as a Director of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 8)

- (8) (cont'd from fn 7) Bryan E. Bloom, as a Director of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Michael J. Meyer, as a Director of FXRE, may also be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 9)

- (9) (cont'd from fn 8) Thomas P. Benson is the designated filer. The Reporting Persons are filing this joint Form 4 because they may be regarded as part of a group. However, each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by other persons and disclaims membership in a group, and this filing shall not constitute an acknowledgement that the Reporting Persons are part of a group.

### Remarks:

this Form 4 is being filed in connection with a Form 4 filed on an even date herewith by RH1, LLC; Flag Luxury Riv, LLC; Flag Luxury Realty, LLC; FX Real Estate & Entertainment, Inc.; Robert F.X. Sillerman; Paul C. Kanavos; Brett Torino; and Barry Shier.

### Exhibit 99.1: Joint Filer Information

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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