

KROGER CO  
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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 \*  
HENDERSON SCOTT M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
KROGER CO [KR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2008

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

Vice President & Treasurer

1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/10/2008		M		9,600 A \$ 17.31	D	29,971.9388
Common Stock	12/10/2008		M		7,200 A \$ 16.385	D	37,171.9388
Common Stock	12/10/2008		S		900 D \$ 25.735	D	36,271.9388
Common Stock	12/10/2008		S		500 D \$ 25.74	D	35,771.9388
Common Stock	12/10/2008		S		8,300 D \$ 25.745	D	27,471.9388

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Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	2,800	D	\$ 25.75	24,671.9388	D
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	300	D	\$ 25.76	24,371.9388	D
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	1,800	D	\$ 25.77	22,571.9388	D
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	2,100	D	\$ 25.78	20,471.9388	D
Common Stock	12/10/2008	S	100	D	\$ 25.785	20,371.9388 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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 or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.31	12/10/2008		M	9,600	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/06/2014	Common Stock	9,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.385	12/10/2008		M	7,200	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/05/2015	Common Stock	7,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HENDERSON SCOTT M 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice President & Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Scott M. Henderson, by Bruce M. Gack,  
Attorney-in-Fact

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 total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.
- (2) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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