A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts, Inc.

Form 4

February 24, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEPLEY RICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[ACMR]

02/20/2009

(Month/Day/Year)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

A.C. MOORE ARTS & CRAFTS. INC., 130 A.C. MOORE DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BERLIN, NJ 08009

(City)

Stock, no

par value

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

(D)

Price

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common

Code V Amount 69,783

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

02/20/2009 A \$0 153,449 (2) D (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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration E (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 1.48	02/20/2009		A	26,940	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	26,940

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LEPLEY RICK A.C. MOORE ARTS & CRAFTS, INC. 130 A.C. MOORE DRIVE BERLIN, NJ 08009	X		President & CEO			
Signatures						

/s/ Amy Rhoades, by Power of 02/23/2009 Attorney

> **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).
- Represents shares of performance accelerated restricted stock ("PARS"). The PARS vest in three equal annual installments or upon the **(1)** Company's achievement of certain financial performance targets.
- Includes 19,166 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Employment Agreement dated as of June 1, 2006, as amended, **(2)** between the Issuer and the Reporting Person and 24,500 PARS granted on June 13, 2007.
- Stock appreciation rights vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire seven (3)years from the grant date, if not earlier terminated or exercised in full.

Remarks:

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