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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC Spears Mark A (Month/Day/Year) [SWM] 03/10/2008 (Last) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting (First) 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT (Check all applicable) INTERNATIONAL INC. 100 NORTH POINT CENTER Director 10% Owner EAST. STE 600 _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Controller Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ALPHARETTA, GAÂ 30022 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership Form: (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â SWM Common stock D 2,777

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/04/2000(1)	01/03/2009	SWM Common Stock	1,000	\$ 15.6875	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/14/2003(2)	01/13/2012	SWM Common Stock	2,500	\$ 23.095	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Spears Mark A C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600 ALPHARETTA, GAÂ 30022	Â	Â	Controller	Â		

Signatures

Honor Winks as Attorney in Fact for Mark Spears 03/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

- (1) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/4/2002.
- (2) Grant became fully exerciseable on 1/14/2005.

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