

MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KELLOGG PETER R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC [MERC]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**48 WALL STREET, C/O IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD**  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/14/2008**

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10005**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

**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 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) |           |                  |                           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |           |                  |                           |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 08/14/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 200,000   | A  | \$ 6.5  | 5,930,909 | I <sup>(1)</sup> | BY IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 08/14/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 0   | A  | \$ 0  | 160,162   | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 8.8% CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES              | \$ 7.75  | 08/14/2008                           |  | P                              | 0   | 10/10/2007 10/10/2010                                    | COMMON SHARES   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLOGG PETER R<br>48 WALL STREET<br>C/O IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD<br>NEW YORK, NY 10005 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

PETER R KELLOGG/S/MARGUERITE GORMAN- ATTORNEY IN FACT 08/15/2008

\_\_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) IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD, A BERMUDA CORPORATION OF WHICH MR KELLOGG IS THE SOLE HOLDER OF VOTING STOCK. MR KELLOGG DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THESE SHARES.

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