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**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 \*  
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED, THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL

(Street)

DUBLIN, L2 00000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

\* See Remarks

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

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ 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 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   |  |                                   |

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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Equity Swap                                | (6)  | 08/27/2008                           |  | J                              | 1<br>(6)  | (6) (6)  | Class A Common Stock 45,000                                   | \$ 12.8398                                 |
| Equity Swap                                | (7)  | 08/27/2008                           |  | J                              | 1<br>(7)  | (7) (7)  | Class A Common Stock 30,000                                   | \$ 12.8398                                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |               |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other         |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.<br>C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED<br>THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL<br>DUBLIN, L2 00000 |               | X         |         | * See Remarks |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P.<br>555 MADISON AVENUE<br>16TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022  |               | X         |         | * See Remarks |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS NY, LLC<br>C/O HARBINGER CAP PTNRS OFFSHORE MGR LLC<br>2100 THIRD AVE. NORTH, SUITE 600<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203                |               | X         |         | * See Remarks |

## Signatures

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr., Executive Vice President 08/29/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, By: HMC - New York, Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ William 08/29/2008

R. Lucas, Jr., Executive Vice President

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Harbinger Capital Partners, NY, LLC, By: Harbinger Capital Master Fund I, Ltd., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., its Investment Manager, By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., its Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr., Executive VP

08/29/2008

\_\_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).

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECURITIES SET FORTH IN THIS REPORT ARE DIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD., HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. AND/OR HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS NY, LLC (COLLECTIVELY, THE "FUNDS"). ALL OTHER REPORTING PERSONS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REPORT DUE TO THEIR AFFILIATION WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FUNDS.

(1) Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., or Harbinger Management, is the investment manager of the Master Fund. HMC Investors, L.L.C., or HMC Investors, is the managing member of Harbinger Management. Philip Falcone is a member of HMC Investors and the portfolio manager of the Master Fund. Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce are members of HMC Investors. Each of (2) Harbinger Management, HMC Investors and Messrs. Falcone, Harbert and Luce may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly or indirectly by the Master Fund. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, or HCPSS, is the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, HMC-New York, Inc., or HMCNY, is the managing member of HCPSS. Harbert Management Corporation, or HMC, is the parent of HMCNY. Philip Falcone is a shareholder of HMC and the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund. Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. (3) Luce are shareholders of HMC. Each of HCPSS, HMCNY, HMC, and Messrs. Falcone, Harbert and Luce may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly or indirectly by the Special Situations Fund. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

The Master Fund, the Special Situations Fund and Firebrand Investments, LLC, or Firebrand Investments, are members of the LLC. Scott Galloway is the managing member of Firebrand Investments. The Master Fund has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by the Master Fund or purchased using capital contributions of the Master Fund to (4) the LLC. The Special Situations Fund has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by the Special Situations Fund or purchased using capital contributions of the Special Situations Fund to the LLC. Firebrand Investments has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by Firebrand Investments (or certain related investors) or purchased using capital contributions of Firebrand Investments (or certain related investors) to the LLC.

Under the terms of the operating agreement of the LLC, Firebrand Investments has an interest in the net profits from investments in the Issuer that are made by the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, including direct investments and indirect investments through the LLC. Mr. Galloway may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities that are beneficially owned by Firebrand Investments. (5) Firebrand Investments and Mr. Galloway disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the LLC, the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

On Aug. 27, 2008, the Master Fund entered into an equity swap transaction with a counterparty effective on Aug. 27, 2008, under which the counterparty agreed to pay the Master Fund an amount equal to any increase, and the Master Fund agreed to pay the counterparty an amount equal to any decrease, in the official market price of 45,000 notional shares above or below an initial reference price of (6) US\$12.8398 per share upon close-out of any transaction. The equity swap transaction does not contemplate interim payments of appreciation or depreciation of the shares, and the Master Fund is not entitled to any dividends on the shares or equivalent thereof. All balances will be cash settled, and neither party shall acquire any ownership interest, voting or similar rights, or dispositive power over any share under the equity swap transaction. The equity swap transaction may be closed out by the Master Fund at any time.

(7) On Aug. 27, 2008, the Special Situations Fund entered into an equity swap transaction with a counterparty effective on Aug. 27, 2008, under which the counterparty agreed to pay the Special Situations Fund an amount equal to any increase, and the Special Situations Fund

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agreed to pay the counterparty an amount equal to any decrease, in the official market price of 30,000 notional shares above or below an initial reference price of US\$12.8398 per share upon close-out of any transaction. The equity swap transaction does not contemplate interim payments of appreciation or depreciation of the shares, and the Special Situations Fund is not entitled to any dividends on the shares or equivalent thereof. All balances will be cash settled, and neither party shall acquire any ownership interest, voting or similar rights, or dispositive power over any share under the equity swap transaction. The equity swap transaction may be closed out by the Special Situations Fund at any time.

### Remarks:

(\*) The Reporting Persons and the other persons referred to the footnotes to this Statement may be deemed to be members of a "group" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities deemed to be owned by the group that are not directly owned by the reporting person. This Statement shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is a member of a group or the beneficial owner of any securities not directly owned by such Reporting Person.

(\*\*) Given that the EDGAR system limits the number of filers on an electronic submission filed under Section 16 to a maximum of ten, the shares reported herein as directly beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Harbinger Capital Partners NY, LLC are also being reported on separate Form 4 as indirectly owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., HMC Investors, L.L.C., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, HMC-New York, Inc., Harbert Management Corporation, Philip Falcone, Raymond Harbert, Michael D. Luce, Firebrand Investments, LLC and Scott Galloway. Each as more fully described in such separate Form 4.

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