

THORNTON JOHN L
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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 *
THORNTON JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE
OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWS CORP [NWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	01/03/2012		M	1,164	A	1,164	D
Class A Common Stock	01/03/2012		D	1,164	D	\$ 18.35	0 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	01/03/2012		M	1,164	(3) (3)	Class A Common Stock	1,164
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	01/03/2012		A	1,907	(4) (4)	Class A Common Stock	1,907

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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Signatures

/s/ Laura Cleveland as Attorney-in-Fact for John L.
Thornton

01/04/2012

__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 deferred stock units were deemed to have settled for the cash value of an equivalent number of shares of News Corporation's Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (3) The deferred stock units became payable in cash on January 3, 2012, the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) The deferred stock units become payable in cash upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

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