

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KELLOGG PETER R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

48 WALL STREET, C/O IAT  
 REINSURANCE CO LTD

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/14/2008**

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)  
 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 Following 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	05/14/2008		P		132,808	A	\$ 7.97	5,213,717	I <sup>(1)</sup>	BY IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD
COMMON STOCK	05/15/2008		P		15,792	A	\$ 7.96	5,229,509	I	BY IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD
COMMON STOCK	05/15/2008		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	05/15/2008		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 48 WALL STREET C/O IAT REINSURANCE CO LTD NEW YORK, NY 10005		X		

## Signatures

PETER R KELLOGG/S/MARGUERITE GORMAN- ATTORNEY IN FACT 05/16/2008

\*\*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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