

Hudgins James M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Hudgins James M		(Month/Day/Year)	WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD [WFT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/06/2009	
515 POST OAK BVLVD, STE. 600			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77027			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President - Tax	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	108,473 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Share Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Shares	49,302	\$ (3)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hudgins James M 515 POST OAK BLVD, STE. 600 HOUSTON, TX 77027	Â	Â	Â Vice President - Tax	Â

Signatures

Burt M. Martin, by Power of Attorney
Date: 02/12/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (1) Includes 83,000 restricted shares that vest as follows: 24,000 shares on December 14, 2009; 6,000 shares on each of January 4, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013; and 35,000 shares that vest in three equal increments on each of February 5, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) All phantom stock units credited under the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") with respect to deferrals by a participant are 100% vested at all times. All units credited under the Plan by the Company's 7.5% allocation and matching allocation vest at 20% per year for each year of service. Distributions under the Plan are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.
- (3) The phantom stock units convert to common shares on a one-for-one basis.

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