

POWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
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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 \*  
POWELL THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
POWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
[POWL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 12818  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/16/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, Chairman of the Board

HOUSTON, TX 77217

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	09/16/2008		S	891 D \$ 40	525,609	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S	200 D \$ 40.01	525,409	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S	100 D \$ 40.02	525,309	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S	200 D \$ 40.05	525,109	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008		S	9 D \$ 40.06	525,100	D	

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Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.07	525,000	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.16	524,900	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.17	524,800	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.21	524,700	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	700	D	\$ 40.46	524,000	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.47	523,900	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	1,638	D	\$ 40.5	522,262	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.51	522,162	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	262	D	\$ 40.52	521,900	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.53	521,800	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	200	D	\$ 40.56	521,600	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40.57	521,500	D	
Common Stock						1,798,628	I	Held in TWP Holdings
Common Stock						78,720	I	Held in IRA
Common Stock						818	I	Held in 401K
Common Stock						260,860	I	Held in TWP Trust

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)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POWELL THOMAS W PO BOX 12818 HOUSTON, TX 77217	X	X	CEO, Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Don R. Madison, Power of Attorney for Thomas W. Powell 09/25/2008

\*\*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).
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