MINICUCCI BENITO

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MINICUCCI BENITO			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO		1	(Month/Day/Year) 05/26/2010	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EXEC VP/OPS AND COO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SEATTLE, WA 98188			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(City)	(State) (Z	Table Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK	05/26/2010		M	2,775	A	\$ 32.96	4,942	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/26/2010		F	1,957	D	\$ 46.72	2,985	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M	5,950	A	\$ 27.56	8,935	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M	2,670	A	\$ 27.49	11,605	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M	564	A	\$ 25.23	12,169	D	

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COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010	S	9,184	D	\$ 48.0157	2,985	D
COMMON STOCK (1)						42,920	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)	Code	Secur Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 32.96	05/26/2010	M		2,775	08/30/2006(2)	08/30/2015	COMMON	2,77
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.56	05/27/2010	M		5,950	01/29/2010(3)	01/29/2019	COMMON	5,95
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	05/27/2010	M		2,670	02/08/2009(4)	02/08/2018	COMMON	2,67
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 25.23	05/27/2010	M		564	09/19/2008(5)	09/19/2017	COMMON	564

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINICUCCI BENITO C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO SEATTLE. WA 98188

EXEC VP/OPS AND COO

Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO MINICUCCI

05/28/2010

**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) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 8/30/09.
- (3) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 01/29/10, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 01/29/11, 01/29/12 AND 01/29/13.
- (4) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 02/08/10, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 02/08/11 AND 02/08/12.
- (5) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 09/19/09, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 09/19/10 AND 09/19/11.

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