

NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**FINKENBRINK RALPH**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH ROAD, BLDG C SUITE 501B

(Street)

CLEARWATER, FL 33759

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC [NICK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/08/2008

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)  
 Sr. Vice President, CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code V Amount (D) Price                                           |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/08/2008                           |                                                    | P                              | 60,000 A \$ 1.5833                                                | 87,757                                                                                        | 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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.58                                                | 12/08/2008                           |                                                    | C                              | 60,000                                                                                  | (1) 11/09/2009                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 60,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 9.44                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (2) 08/31/2017                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 10,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                             | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| FINKENBRINK RALPH<br>2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH ROAD<br>BLDG C SUITE 501B<br>CLEARWATER, FL 33759 | X             |           | Sr. Vice President, CFO |       |

## Signatures

Ralph  
Finkenbrink 08/11/2008  
 \*\*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) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning November 8, 2000.
- (2) The option will vest twenty percent per year for five years beginning August 31, 2007.

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