

Hartheimer Robert Herman
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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 Hartheimer Robert Herman			(Month/Day/Year)	STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/21/2010		
111 NORTH WALL STREET				4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				(Check all applicable)	09/29/2010
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
SPOKANE,Â WAÂ 99201				(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

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 Stock ⁽¹⁾	120,000	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) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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			Shares		(I)	
					(Instr. 5)	
Convertible Participating						
Voting Preferred Stock,	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common	1,380,000	\$ (2)	D Â
Series D			Stock			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hartheimer Robert Herman				
111 NORTH WALL STREET	Â X	Â	Â	Â
SPOKANE,Â WAA 99201				

Signatures

/s/ Karla J. Gehlen,
attorney-in-fact

09/29/2010

__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) 40,000 shares of common stock owned in an individual brokerage account, 80,000 shares of common stock owned in an individual retirement account for the benefit of Mr. Hartheimer.

Robert Hartheimer owns 3,000 shares of Convertible Participating Voting Preferred Stock, Series D (1,000 shares owned in an individual brokerage account, 2,000 shares owned in an individual retirement account for the benefit of Mr. Hartheimer), no par value with a liquidation preference of \$4.60 per share (the "Series D Stock") (1,380,000 shares of Common Stock on an as-converted basis). Each share of Series D Stock mandatorily converts into 460 shares of Common Stock, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, upon the approval of the holders of the Common Stock of (i) an increase in the number of authorized shares of Common Stock to at least 10,000,000,000 shares or a larger number that the Board of Directors determines in its reasonable judgment is necessary to permit
- (2) STSA to comply with its obligations under agreements entered into in connection with certain recapitalization transactions that occurred on August 26, 2010, (ii) the conversion of shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock into Common Stock, and (iii) the exercisability of certain outstanding warrants for shares of Common Stock (the "Shareholder Proposals"). On August 26, 2010, STSA sold 3,418,300 shares of Series B Convertible Participating Voting Preferred Stock, no par value with a liquidation preference \$4.60 per share (the "Series B Stock") to certain investors in conjunction with the recapitalization transactions. Each share of Series B Stock mandatorily converts into 460 shares of Common Stock, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, upon approval of the Shareholder Proposals.

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Remarks:

FormÂ 3Â filingÂ amendmentÂ toÂ correctÂ footnoteÂ #2Â -Â Mr.Â HartheimerÂ ownsÂ 3,000Â sharesÂ ofÂ Convertible

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