

Schmidt Steven Mark
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Schmidt Steven Mark

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/20/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 10/20/2008 | | A | | 2,062 (2) | A | \$ 0 3,062 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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option | \$ 18.89 | | | | | | | 05/11/2005 ⁽³⁾ | 05/11/2010 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Option | \$ 17.72 | | | | | | | 02/06/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/06/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Option | \$ 19.22 | | | | | | | 11/08/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/08/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schmidt Steven Mark 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 | X | | | |

Signatures

David C. Milne, Attorney
in Fact 10/20/2008

__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) These options vest at a rate of 25% on the first anniversary of the grant and 25% each year thereafter until fully vested.
- (2) These shares were granted under the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's shareholders. These shares have a two-year vesting period.
- (3) These options vest at a rate of 20% per year beginning on the date of grant.

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