

MINICUCCI BENITO  
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 \*  
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 (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXEC VP/OPS AND COO

C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO

(Street)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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SEATTLE, WA 98188

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 21.05  | 1,850  | D                                 |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 23.36  | 1,639  | D                                 |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/14/2009                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 34.541   | 0  | D                                 |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,676  | D                                 |
| COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 38,120   | D                                 |

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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) | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 21.05   | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,850   | 06/04/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/04/2014                     | COMMON  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)          | \$ 23.36   | 12/14/2009                           |  | M                              | 1,639   | 11/06/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/06/2017                     | COMMON  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| MINICUCCI BENITO<br>C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC.<br>19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO<br>SEATTLE, WA 98188 |               |           | EXEC VP/OPS AND COO |       |

## Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR BENITO MINICUCCI 12/15/2009

\_\_\_\_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) OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS ON JUNE 4, 2005, 2006, 2007 AND 2008.
  - (3) OPTIONS VESTED IN 25% INSTALLMENTS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007 AND 2008.

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