

RUSS BERRIE & CO INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
D. E. SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS, L.L.C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RUSS BERRIE & CO INC [RUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/26/2007

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)

See footnotes 1 and 2.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## 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).

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. ("DESCO LP"), as investment adviser to D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Laminar"); D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. ("DESCO LLC"), as managing member of Laminar; and Mr. David E. Shaw ("David E. Shaw") (as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of DESCO LP, and as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of DESCO LLC) may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Common Stock of the Issuer for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(Continued from Footnote 1) In accordance with instruction 4(b)(iv), the entire number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Laminar, DESCO LP, or DESCO LLC was previously reported on Form 3. Each of DESCO LP, DESCO LLC, and David E. Shaw disclaims any beneficial ownership of any of the securities reported on Form 3 or on this Form 4, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The reporting persons also may be deemed, for Section 16 purposes, directors of the Issuer by virtue of DESCO LP employees Lauren Krueger's and Daniel Posner's service as members of the Issuer's board of directors. None of Laminar, DESCO LP, DESCO LLC, or David E. Shaw serves as a director of the Issuer.

(3) The Call Options listed in Table II ("Options") vest ratably over a five-year period commencing December 26, 2008.

(4) The Options were issued in connection with DESCO LP employees Lauren Krueger's and Daniel Posner's service as members of the Issuer's board of directors. No consideration was paid for the Options.

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