

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
 DETROIT STOKER Co

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1510 E. FIRST ST.,  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/25/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 see explanation

MONROE, MI 48161  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/25/2009                           | 09/25/2009   | P                              | 67,274  | \$ 8.1  | A  | 404,998 D <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2009                           | 09/28/2009   | P                              | 400   | \$ 8.1  | A  | 405,398 D <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>   |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                    |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other           |
| DETROIT STOKER Co<br>1510 E. FIRST ST.<br>MONROE, MI 48161                            |               |           |                    | see explanation |
| NEWCASTLE PARTNERS L P<br>200 CRESCENT COURT<br>STE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75201          |               | X         |                    | see explanation |
| SCHWARZ MARK E<br>200 CRESCENT COURT<br>STE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75201                  | X             |           | Executive Chairman | see explanation |
| NEWCASTLE CAPITAL GROUP LLC<br>200 CRESCENT COURT<br>STE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75201     |               |           |                    | see explanation |
| NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP<br>200 CRESCENT COURT<br>STE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75201 |               |           |                    | see explanation |
| Newcastle Focus Fund II LP<br>200 CRESCENT COURT<br>SUITE 1400<br>DALLAS, TX 75201    |               |           |                    | see explanation |
| DSC Services, Inc.  |               |           |                    | see explanation |

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see explanation

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see explanation

## Signatures

Detroit Stoker Co.

09/29/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Newcastle Partners, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

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Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

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Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

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Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund I, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

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Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund II, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

09/29/2009

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Focus Fund II, L.P., By: Newcastle Capital Management, L.P., its general partner, By: Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. its general partner, By: /s/ Mark E. Schwarz, its managing member

09/29/2009

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DSC Services, Inc.

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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).

(1) Purchases made by Detroit Stoker Company ("Detroit Stoker"). The Reporting Persons are members of a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned in the aggregate by the other members of the Section 13(d) group. The Section 13(d) group consists of Newcastle Partners, L.P. ("NP"), Newcastle Capital Management, L.P. ("NCM"), Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. ("NCG"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund I, L.P. ("NSOF I"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund II, L.P. ("NSOF II"), Newcastle Focus Fund II, L.P. ("NFF"), DSC Services Inc. ("DSC"), Detroit Stoker and Mark E. Schwarz ("Schwarz"). Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by the other members of the Section 13(d) group except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) NCM is the general partner of each of NP, NSOFI, NSOFII and NFF. NCG is the general partner of NCM, and Schwarz is the managing member of NCG. Accordingly, each of NCM, NCG and Schwarz may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by any of NP, NSOFI, NSOFII and NFF. In addition, DSC is the parent company of Detroit Stoker, and Schwarz and NCG together own all of the outstanding shares of DSC. Accordingly, each of Schwarz and DSC may be deemed to beneficially own the shares directly owned by Detroit Stoker.

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