

PAULSON GLENN A
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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 *
PAULSON GLENN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SILGAN HOLDINGS INC [SLGN]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O SILGAN WHITE CAP AMERICAS LLC, 1140 31ST STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
DOWNS GROVE, IL 60515

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2009 | | M | 25,000 A \$ 7.045 | 32,532 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2009 | | S | 25,000 D \$ 53.2393 | 7,532 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 400 | I (1) | By Trust |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Nonqualified options to purchase common stock | \$ 7.045 | 02/09/2009 | | M | 25,000 | <u>(2)</u> 02/03/2010 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAULSON GLENN A C/O SILGAN WHITE CAP AMERICAS LLC 1140 31ST STREET DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Frank W. Hogan, III, Attorney-in-fact for Glenn A. Paulson
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 02/11/2009
 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) The direct beneficial owner of these shares is the Paulson Education Trust, of which the reporting person and his spouse are the co-trustees.
- (2) These options were granted on February 4, 2000 and vested ratably over a 5 year period beginning February 4, 2001. All of these options were exercisable prior to the transactions reported on this Form 4.

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