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# FORM 4

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SECURITIES

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Gehegan Jose	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol U.S. Shipping Partners L.P. [USS]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
	(First) (Mic PPING PARTNE DRNALL STREE	(Month/ ERS 12/31/2	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) COO			
EDISON, NJ	(Street) 08837	Filed(Mo	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2009				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Z	Tal	ole I - Non-De	erivative Sec	curitie	s Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Code ar) (Instr. 8	4. Securition(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	of (D)	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)	
Common units representing limited partner interests	12/31/2008		S	6,840	D	\$ 0.125	15,000	D		
Common units representing limited partner	12/31/2008		S	15,000	D	\$ 0.13	0	D		

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#### interests

Subordinated units	0 (1) (3) (4)	I	See footnotes (1) (3) (4)
General partnter interest	0 (2) (3) (4)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (4)
Incentive distribution rights	0 (3) (4)	I	See footnotes (3) (4)

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/ e		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topot and Common Tumo, Tumoso	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
Gehegan Joseph P C/O U.S. SHIPPING PARTNERS L.P. 399 THORNALL STREET, 8TH FLOOR EDISON, NJ 08837	X		COO				

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### **Signatures**

/s/ Joseph P. 01/08/2009 Gehegan

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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).
- United States Shipping Master LLC ("Shipping Master") owned a 98% limited interest in the Issuer. At the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering of common units ("Common Units") representing limited partner interests (the "Offering") on November 3, 2004, Shipping Master's 98% limited partner interest was redeemed for \$1,960.
- (2) Shipping Master owns 100% of US Shipping General Partner LLC ("Shipping GP), the sole general partner of the Issuer. Shipping GP owns a 2% general partner interest in the Issuer.
  - At the Closing of the Offering, each of Shipping Master and Shipping GP agreed to convey certain assets and liabilities to the Issuer and in exchange therefor (a) Shipping Master received 899,968 Common Units, 5,272,341 Class A subordinated units and 1,627,627 class B
- (3) subordinated units of the Issuer and (b) Shipping GP continued its 2% general partner interest and received incentive distribution rights ("IDRs"), which represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions in excess of specified amounts. Shipping Master is the indirect beneficial owner of the general partner interest in the Issuer and the IDRs owned by Shipping GP.
  - Under Shipping Master's llc agreement, Mr. Gehegan owns a (a) 3.89% pecuniary interest in the common units directly owned by Shipping Master and the GP interest and IDRs indirectly owned by Shipping Master, and (b) 16.51% pecuniary interest in the class B subordinated units directly owned by Shipping Master. He will have the right to receive 2.5% of the distributions received by Shipping
- GP attributable to (i) the IDRs and (ii) that portion of its 2% GP interest attributable to distributions on the common units and subordinated units in excess of the minimum quaterly distribution. He will only receive these amounts on conversion of class A subordinated units into common, but upon such conversion he will also be entitled to receive a "catch up" payment equal to the cumulative amount he would have received if such payments had commenced at closing of the Offering. He will receive a pro rata share of such amounts if less than all class A units convert.

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