

CROWN JAMES S
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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 *
CROWN JAMES S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP
[GD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
222 N LASALLE STREET, STE 2000

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
CHICAGO, IL 60601

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2009 | | M | V | 5,450 | A | \$ 45.67 | 37,570 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 5,424,092 | I | See fn. ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,511,144 | I | See fn. ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 7,753,112 | I | See fn. ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 304,800 | I | See fn. ⁽⁵⁾ |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 45.67 | 02/02/2009 | | A | 5,450 | 03/03/2005 03/02/2009 | Common Stock | 5,450 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROWN JAMES S 222 N LASALLE STREET STE 2000 CHICAGO, IL 60601 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ James S.
Crown

02/03/2009

**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) 1,455 of these Common Stock shares are shares of restricted stock, the acquisition of which was reported in previous Form 4s.
 - (2) Owned by a partnership, Henry Crown and Company (Not Incorporated), of which the Reporting Person is a partner.
 - (3) Owned by a partnership, Areljay, L.P., of which the Reporting Person is a beneficiary of a trust which is a partner, and a director, officer, and shareholder of a corporation which is a partner.
 - (4) Owned by a partnership, The Crown Fund, of which the Reporting Person is a partner.

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- (5) Owned by a partnership, Crown Fund II, of which the Reporting Person is a partner.
- (6) Grant pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

Remarks:

As previously reported, the Reporting Person holds 20,880 other stock options to purchase Common Stock. The Reporting Person

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