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December 30, 2008 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jolson Joseph A Issuer Symbol JMP Group Inc. [JMP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 600 MONTGOMERY STREET, 12/26/2008 below) below) **SUITE 1100 CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect

| (Instr. 3) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code Disposed of (D) ar) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Beneficially Owned | Form: Direct (D) or | Beneficial Ownership |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Code V | (A) or Amount (D) Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 75,000 | I | By Foundation (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | 20,245 | I | By Jolson 2004 Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | 176,450 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | 30,367 | I | By Jolson 2005 Trust (3) |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,233,597 | I | By Jolson 1996 Trust (4) |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|------|-----------|---|--------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/26/2008 | P | 500 | A | \$ 5 | 448,113 | I | By Jolson 1991 Trust |

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. Transa Code (Instr. | ctio 8) | 5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | int of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|------|--|--|--|
| coporting of the Filmer, Francisco | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Othe | | | |
| Jolson Joseph A 600 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 1100 | | | CEO | | | | |
| SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 | | | CLO | | | | |

Signatures

Janet Tarkoff on behalf of Joseph A.
Jolson
12/30/2008

**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).

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- (1) Reflects shares of common stock held by The Jolson Family Foundation, of which Mr. Jolson is President and Treasurer. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (2) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2004 Trust FBO Samantha Rohan Jolson for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's daughter. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (3) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Jolson 2005 Trust FBO Jolson Children for the benefit of Mr. Jolson's children. Mr. Jolson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (4) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1996 Trust dtd 3/7/96, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee.
- (5) Reflects shares of common stock held by the Joseph A. Jolson 1991 Trust, of which Mr. Jolson is the trustee, and were purchased pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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