

MITAROTONDA JAMES A
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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 *
MITAROTONDA JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P., 888 SEVENTH AVENUE 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/12/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2010 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 167,721 | D | <u>(2)</u> | 0 | I | By Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2010 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 4,473 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 684,055 | I | By Barington Companies Equity Partners, |

L.P. (3) (4)

Common Stock 3,405 D

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MITAROTONDA JAMES A C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P. 888 SEVENTH AVENUE 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ James A. Mitarotonda 02/17/2010

**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) Distribution to redeeming investors in Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. of their pro rata ownership of common stock of Issuer.

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(2) Not applicable.

The Reporting Person is the sole stockholder and director of LNA Capital Corp., which is the general partner of Barington Capital Group, L.P., which is the majority member of each of Barington Companies Investors, LLC ("Barington Investors") and Barington Offshore Advisors II, LLC ("Barington Offshore II"). Barington Investors is the general partner of Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. Barington Offshore II is the investment advisor to Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd.

(3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) Transfer to Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. in an exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16a-13 of 4,473 shares that were previously reported as indirectly owned by Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd.

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