

Ghanbari Reza
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ghanbari Reza

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5850 OPUS PKWY, SUITE 300

(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55343-4414

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 EVP, Strategy and Products

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock Award) | 15,000 | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

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|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 12.23 | (1) (Instr. 5) D | Â |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------------|---|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ghanbari Reza 5850 OPUS PKWY SUITE 300 MINNETONKA, MN 55343-4414 | Â | Â | Â EVP, Strategy and Products | Â |

Signatures

Reza Ghanbari 12/19/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 total of the grant vests at 28% one year after the date of grant and 2% a month thereafter, until fully vested.

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