

VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 WHALEN WAYNE W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VAN KAMPEN SENIOR INCOME TRUST [VVR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE,
 MEAGHER & FLOM, 333 WEST
 WACKER DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/30/2009

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

(Street)
 CHICAGO, IL 60606

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

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

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)

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
phantom stock units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/30/2009		P	1,545.179	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	common shares ⁽¹⁾	1,545

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHALEN WAYNE W
 SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM
 333 WEST WACKER DRIVE
 CHICAGO, IL 60606

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Signatures

/s/ Wayne W.
 Whalen

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).

The phantom stock units were accrued under the VVR directors' deferred compensation plan and are to be settled 100% in cash, in

(1) generally equal annual installments over a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of the Director's retirement or disability, except that the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may accelerate or extend the distribution.

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