OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R
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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 *
OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET

(Street)

PEORIA, IL 61629-7220

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman & CEO-Elect

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	03/02/2010		M		4,832	A	(4)	84,861	D	
Common	03/02/2010		F(5)		1,907	D	$ 58.42	82,954 (1)	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(2)							(3)	(3)	Common	0
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	03/02/2010		M			4,832	03/02/2010	03/02/2010	Common	4,832

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBERHELMAN DOUGLAS R 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-7220			Vice Chairman & CEO-Elect	

Signatures

D. R. Oberhelman; L.J. Huxtable, POA	03/04/2010
**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) This amount includes 27,094 shares in 401K and 7975 shares in dividend reinvestment.

(2) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents the equivalent of one share of Caterpillar common stock. On March 2, 2010, the reporting person's restricted stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Caterpillar common stock.

(5) Amount reflects shares surrendered to satisfy tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

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