

SHAYS CHRISTOPHER H
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SHAYS CHRISTOPHER H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIT GROUP, 1 CIT DRIVE,
 #3251-9

(Street)

LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CIT GROUP INC [CIT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/12/2009

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/12/2009 ⁽³⁾		A ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		15,674	A	\$ 3.19
Common Stock	05/12/2009 ⁽³⁾		A ⁽³⁾		14,107	A	\$ 3.19

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.19	05/12/2009		A	42,453	<u>(1)</u> 05/12/2016	Common Stock	42,453
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.19	05/12/2009		A ⁽²⁾	47,170	<u>(1)</u> 05/12/2016	Common Stock	47,170

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

Signatures

/s/ James P. Shanahan, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Shays

05/14/2009

__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).

(1) Options vest and become exercisable in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.

(2) Represents a one-time initial award pursuant to becoming a member of the Board of Directors.

(3) Shares vest in three equal installments on each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd anniversaries of the grant date.

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