

CNA FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â MOTAMED THOMAS F		(Month/Day/Year)	CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2009	
333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
CHICAGO,Â ILÂ 60604			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Chairman and CEO	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Shares ⁽¹⁾	130,464	D	Â

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)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

	Expiration Date	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽²⁾	01/02/2010 ⁽²⁾	01/02/2019	Common Shares	80,000 \$ 16.5		D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOTAMED THOMAS F 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60604	Â X	Â	Â Chairman and CEO	Â

Signatures

Thomas F. Motamed 01/08/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Common stock represents the underlying security of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person, each restricted stock unit representing a contingent right to receive one share of CNA Financial Corporation common stock. The restricted stock units vest in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date (January 2, 2009); provided, however, that no restricted stock unit shall vest on such vesting date unless the reporting person has been continuously employed by CNA Financial Corporation from the grant date until such vesting date except as otherwise specified in award terms and employment agreement.
 - (2) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Corporation Common Stock vests annually in four equal installments commencing on January 2, 2010 except as otherwise specified in award terms and employment agreement.

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