

Hollinger Mark G
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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 *
 Hollinger Mark G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Discovery Communications, Inc.
 [DISCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

ONE DISCOVERY PLACE

(Street)

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

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

SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | Price | |
| Series A common stock | 12/19/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | | 149,028 | \$ 14.41 | 169,048 D |
| Series A common stock | 12/19/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | | D | | 149,028 | \$ 14.99 | 20,020 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| DAP Unit (stock appreciation right) | \$ 14.41 | 12/19/2008 | | M | 149,028 | 12/05/2007 ⁽²⁾ 12/05/2010 | Series A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hollinger Mark G ONE DISCOVERY PLACE SILVER SPRING, MD 20910 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Joseph A. LaSala, Jr., by power of attorney
12/23/2008

__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 DAP Units in respect of these shares of stock vested and became payable on December 5, 2008. Under the terms of the DAP,
 - (1) however, the amounts payable in respect of the vested units are calculated based on the average closing prices for the 10 trading days preceding and including the vesting date and the 10 trading days after the vesting date. The DAP Units are cash-settled awards.
 - (2) These DAP Units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 5, 2007. On each vesting date, the vested DAP Units are automatically settled in cash.

Remarks:

The trading symbols for the Issuer's Series A, Series B and Series C common stock are, respectively, DISCA, DISCB and DISC.
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