

DAVIDSON SPENCER
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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 *
DAVIDSON SPENCER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| 5.95% Preferred | 12/21/2010 | | P | | 600 | A | \$ 24.85 |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | | | | | | | 2,541 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 87,400 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 654,957 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 562,712 |
| | | | | | | | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | | | | | | I By Trusts ⁽²⁾ |
| | | | | | | | D ⁽¹⁾ |
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(3) By Issuer's Employees Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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