

SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Spears Mark A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC [SWM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Controller

C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC, 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600

(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

ALPHARETTA, GA 30022

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
SWM Common Stock	12/31/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000 A \$ 15.6875	4,291 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
SWM Common Stock	12/31/2008		S		1,000 D \$ 19.7	3,291	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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 15.6875	12/31/2008		M	1,000	01/04/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/03/2009	SWM Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spears Mark A C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, STE 600 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022			Controller	

## Signatures

Honor Winks as Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Spears  
01/05/2009

\_\_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) Broker-assisted exercise of an in-the-money option exempt under Rule 16b-6(b)
- (2) Includes 514 shares of SWM common stock acquired through the 401(k) Plan from 3/1/08 - 1/2/09.
- (3) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/4/2002.

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(4) This transaction is an option exercise.

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