

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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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 *
NEWCASTLE CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HALLMARK FINANCIAL
SERVICES INC [HALL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 CRESCENT COURT, STE 1400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2009

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
__X__ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/01/2009		J ⁽⁴⁾	V Amount (D) Price 1,515,151 D \$ 0	8,019,089 (1) (2) (3)	I (1) (2) (3)	See Explanation

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)

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP 200 CRESCENT COURT STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75201		X		

Signatures

Newcastle Capital Management, L.P. 07/06/2009

**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).
- The Reporting Person holds no shares directly. As the general partner of Newcastle Partners, L.P. ("NP"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund I, L.P. ("NSOFI"), Newcastle Special Opportunity Fund II, L.P. ("NSOFII") and Newcastle Focus Fund, L.P. ("NFF"), Newcastle Capital Management, L.P. ("NCM") may be deemed to beneficially own 8,019,089 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock held by such entities in the aggregate. The Reporting Person is also a member of a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned in the aggregate by the other members of the Section 13(d) group. The Group consists of the Reporting Person, NP, Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C., NSOFI, NSOFII, NFF, Mark Schwarz, DSC Services, Inc. and the Detroit Stoker Company.
- (1) Continuation of Footnote 1: The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Issuer's Common stock owned by the other members of the Section 13(d) group except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
 - (2) Consists of, as of 7/6/09, (1) 4,741,859 shares of Common Stock held by NP, (2) a total of 3,274,830 shares of Common Stock held by NSOFI and NSOFII and (3) 2,400 shares of Common Stock held by NFF.
 - (3) Pursuant to the terms of an account management agreement with a third party investor, NCM relinquished voting and dispositive power over the Issuer's Common Stock held in the applicable separate account owned by such investor as of July 1, 2009.

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