

SHERMAN DONALD A  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SHERMAN DONALD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE [DFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/17/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & COO

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Options to purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 21.24	02/17/2010		A	123,587	<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2020	Class A Common Stock	123,587
Restricted Class A Common Stock Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/17/2010		A	41,195	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Class A Common Stock	41,195

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERMAN DONALD A C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		President & COO	

## Signatures

Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald A. Sherman  
02/19/2010

\_\_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) Options become exercisable in five substantially equal annual installments, beginning on February 11, 2011.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) 1-for-1.

Under the terms of the restricted share units, the reporting person has the right to receive the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock six months following his termination of employment, subject to the completion of a vesting period consisting of three substantially equal annual installments beginning on February 11, 2013. Such right may be accelerated if the reporting person's employment is terminated by reason of death, disability or his resignation for good reason or termination by the issuer without cause, or if a change of ownership with respect to the issuer occurs; however, such right will be forfeited if such employment is terminated by the issuer for cause or, except as to any shares as to which such vesting period has elapsed, by him without good reason.

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