

Erickson Peter C
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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 *
 Erickson Peter C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/12/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Innov, Tech & Quality

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/12/2009		M	1,000 A \$ 37.11	29,459.7138	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2009		S	1,000 D \$ 59.4375	28,459.7138	D	
Common Stock					3,318	I	by Trust (1)

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.11	01/12/2009		M	1,000	12/14/2002 01/14/2009	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Erickson Peter C
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

SVP, Innov, Tech & Quality

Signatures

By: Trevor V Gunderson For: Peter C
Erickson

01/14/2009

__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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.

(2) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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