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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> ANGELOS JAMES F			Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRI-CONTINENTAL CORP [TY]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/07/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
90 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER				(Check all applicable)				
	(Street)			Director 10% Owner OfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474				VP, Issuer's Inv. Adv.			Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)						
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)								
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of Derivative	Derivative Security:	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
r of the test of test	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ANGELOS JAMES F 90 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	Â	Â	Â	VP, Issuer's Inv. Adv.	
Signatures					
Joseph D'Alessandro, power of attorney for Angelos	11/17/2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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