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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 *

A Cantor Richard

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/06/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MOODYS CORP /DE/ [MCO]

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Chief Risk Officer

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

7 WORLD TRADE

CENTER, Â 250 GREENWICH

STREET

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10007

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D) (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 9,832

Â D

Common Stock

 $0.3104^{(1)}$

Ι 401-K

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and

3. Title and Amount of

4.

Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect

Expiration Date Securities Underlying Beneficial Conversion (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) **Derivative Security** Ownership or Exercise Form of

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/07/2003(2)	02/07/2012	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 19.9875	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/07/2004(2)	02/07/2013	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 21.2675	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/09/2005(2)	02/09/2014	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 32.4075	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/22/2006(2)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	16,080	\$ 41.6875	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/08/2007(2)	02/08/2016	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 63.09	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	8,500	\$ 72.715	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	02/12/2009(2)	02/12/2018	Common Stock	5,800	\$ 38.07	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Cantor Richard						
7 WORLD TRADE CENTER	â	â	Chief Risk Officer	â		
250 GREENWICH STREET	А	А	A Chief Risk Officer	A		
NEW YORK, NY 10007						

Signatures

Elizabeth McCarroll, by power of attorney for Richard Cantor. 01/15/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) As of last statement dated December 31, 2008.
- (2) One fourth of the options vest each year beginning with the date indicated.

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