LAND JAMES N JR

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

Form 5

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See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported Form 4 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Transactions Reported											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAND JAMES N JR		Symbol	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M	(Month/I	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008			X Director Officer (give	10%	Owner or (specify			
C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP., 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD S.											
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)					
LAS VEGAS, NV 89109  _X_Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person Person											
(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)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o d of (D	)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share (1)	Â	Â	Â	Amount		Price Â	(Instr. 3 and 4) 16,000	D	Â		

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# $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) (2)	\$ 21.6	05/22/2006	Â	A	6,000	Â	(3)	05/22/2016	Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	6,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) (2)	\$ 36.56	05/17/2007	Â	A	6,000	Â	(3)	05/17/2017	Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	6,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) (2)	\$ 15.35	05/19/2008	Â	A	6,000	Â	(3)	05/19/2018	Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	6,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<u>.</u>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LAND JAMES N JR C/O RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP. 2901 LAS VEGAS BLVD S. LAS VEGAS, NV 89109	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

## **Signatures**

/s/ Land, Jr., James N	02/12/2009			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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#### **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) This Form 5 is being filed to clarify the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership of derivative and non-derivative securities as of the Issuer's fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to Issuer's 2005 Non-Qualified Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- First 20% of the options vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant, second 20% of the options vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant, third 20% of the options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, forth 20% of the options vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 20% of the options vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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