

ESTEVES IRENE M  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ESTEVES IRENE M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
XL HOUSE, ONE BERMUDIAN ROAD  
(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM 11

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
XL GROUP PLC [XL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/02/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 18.15	08/02/2010			A		112,180		08/02/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/02/2020	Class A Common Shares	112,180
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	08/02/2010			A		55,097		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Shares	55,097

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESTEVES IRENE M XL HOUSE ONE BERMUDIAN ROAD HAMILTON, D0 HM 11			Chief Financial Officer	

### Signatures

John Kelly, Attorney-in-fact for Irene Esteves 08/04/2010

    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) The options will vest in three equal annual installments, beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting dates.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of XL common stock.
  - (3) The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary of the date of grant provided the reporting person's employment continues through such vesting date.

**Remarks:**

The above awards were granted pursuant to an employment agreement between the filer and her employer, effective as of May 1, 2008.

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