

GONZALEZ NORBERTO
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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 *
GONZALEZ NORBERTO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ORIENTAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [OFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P O BOX 195115
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/19/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CEO

SAN JUAN, PR 00919-5115
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Restricted shares of Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/19/2008		A		2,800	A	\$ 21.86
					9,800	D	

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

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(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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Qualified Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 21.86	03/19/2008		A	5,500	03/19/2010 ⁽³⁾ 03/19/2018	Common Stock 5,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GONZALEZ NORBERTO P O BOX 195115 SAN JUAN, PR 00919-5115			EVP & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Norberto Gonzalez 03/24/2008

**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) Awarded pursuant to the Company's 2007 Omnibus Performance Incentive Plan. Restrictions will expire on the third anniversary of the award date or earlier in the event of a change of control of the Company.
- (2) Awarded pursuant to the Company's 2007 Omnibus Performance Incentive Plan.
- (3) Will become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year commencing on the second anniversary of the award date.

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