

ASHMORE CRAIG W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ASHMORE CRAIG W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EMERSON ELECTRIC CO., 8000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63136

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EMERSON ELECTRIC CO [EMR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2008

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)  
Sr. V.P. - Planning & Develop.

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)
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A	10,000 <u>(1)</u> \$ 26,1719	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2008		F <sup>(3)</sup>	D	7,425 <u>(3)</u> \$ 35.245	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2008		F <sup>(4)</sup>	D	144 <u>(4)</u> \$ 35.245	D	
Common Stock					772.981	I	401(k) plan
Common Stock					1,421.188	I	401(k) excess

plan

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.1719	12/17/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/01/2000 <sup>(5)</sup> 04/01/2009	Common Stock 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ASHMORE CRAIG W C/O EMERSON ELECTRIC CO. 8000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63136			Sr. V.P. - Planning & Develop.	

## Signatures

/s/ Timothy G. Westman, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig W. Ashmore 12/19/2008

\*\*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) Exercise of 8,678 incentive stock options and 1,322 non-qualified stock options exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Includes 380 shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan since the reporting Person's last Form 4 filing.

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- (3) Payment of option exercise price by delivering securities.
- (4) Shares withheld for taxes exempt under Rule 16b-3 resulting from non-qualified stock option exercise.
- (5) The options vested in three equal installments beginning on 10/1/2000.
- (6) Price is not applicable to stock options received as incentive compensation.

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