EMPIRE RESORTS INC

Form 4

November 12, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dreifach Kenneth

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EMPIRE RESORTS INC [NYNY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/11/2008

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

701 N. GREEN VALLEY PARKWAY, SUITE 200

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HENDERSON, NV 89074

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.88	11/11/2008		A		3,750		11/11/2008	11/10/2013	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	3,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.88	11/11/2008		A		15,000		11/11/2008	11/10/2018	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Dreifach Kenneth 701 N. GREEN VALLEY PARKWAY SUITE 200 HENDERSON, NV 89074	X						

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Dreifach,
Kenneth

**Signature of 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).

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