

LEAP WIRELESS INTERNATIONAL INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
RACHESKY MARK H MD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LEAP WIRELESS INTERNATIONAL INC [LEAP]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
40 WEST 57TH STREET, 24TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,474 | D | (1) |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2007 | | P | | 46,920 | A | \$ 34.5982 |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2007 | | P | | 5,644 | A | \$ 34.5982 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,340,378 | I | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--|---|---------|---|------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,415,428 | I | (4) See footnote (5) | |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2007 | | P | 449,546 | A | \$ 34.5982 | 449,546 | I | See footnote (6) |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RACHESKY MARK H MD 40 WEST 57TH STREET, 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | X | X | | |
| MHR FUND MANAGEMENT LLC 40 WEST 57TH STREET, 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| MHR Institutional Partners IIA LP 40 WEST 57TH STREET, 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |
| | | X | | |

MHR Institutional Advisors II LLC
 40 WEST 57TH STREET, 24TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, NY 10019

Signatures

/s/ Mark
 Rachesky, M.D. 12/18/2007

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These are shares of restricted stock.

These shares are held for the account of MHR Capital Partners Master Account LP, an Anguilla, British West Indies limited partnership ("Master Account"). MHR Advisors LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Advisors"), is the general partner of Master Account.

(2) Mark H. Rachesky, M.D. ("Dr. Rachesky") is the managing member of Advisors. In such capacity, Dr. Rachesky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held for the account of Master Account. MHR Fund Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Fund Management"), is an affiliate of, and has an investment management agreement with, Master Account pursuant to which it has the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares held for the account of Master Account and, accordingly, Fund Management may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held for the account of Master Account.

These shares are held for the account of MHR Capital Partners (100) LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Capital Partners (100)"). Advisors is the general partner of Capital Partners (100). Dr. Rachesky is the managing member of Advisors. In such capacity, Dr.

(3) Rachesky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held for the account of Capital Partners (100). Fund Management is an affiliate of, and has an investment management agreement with, Capital Partners (100) pursuant to which it has the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares held for the account of Capital Partners (100) and, accordingly, Fund Management may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held for the account of Capital Partners (100).

These shares are held for the account of MHR Institutional Partners II LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional Partners II"). MHR Institutional Advisors II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Institutional Advisors II"), is the general partner of

(4) Institutional Partners II. Dr. Rachesky is the managing member of Institutional Advisors II. In such capacity, Dr. Rachesky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners II. Fund Management is an affiliate of, and has an investment management agreement with, Institutional Partners II pursuant to which it has the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners II and, accordingly, Fund Management may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners II.

These shares are held for the account of MHR Institutional Partners IIA LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional Partners IIA"). Institutional Advisors II is the general partner of Institutional Partners IIA. Dr. Rachesky is the managing member of Institutional

(5) Partners IIA. In such capacity, Dr. Rachesky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners IIA. Fund Management is an affiliate of, and has an investment management agreement with, Institutional Partners IIA pursuant to which it has the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners IIA and, accordingly, Fund Management may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners IIA.

These shares are held for the account of MHR Institutional Partners III LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional Partners III"). MHR Institutional Advisors III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Institutional Advisors III"), is the general partner of

(6) Institutional Partners III. Dr. Rachesky is the managing member of Institutional Advisors III. In such capacity, Dr. Rachesky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners III. Fund Management is an affiliate of, and has an investment management agreement with, Institutional Partners III pursuant to which it has the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners III and, accordingly, Fund Management may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held for the account of Institutional Partners III.

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