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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

KEANE JOHN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

[GD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Middle)

10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

below)

X_ Director Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW

(First)

PARK DRIVE

(Last)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/04/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

(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)

Code V Amount

A

(A)

(D)

Α

\$0

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Common

Stock, \$1.00 par

value

03/04/2009

960

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

6,468

D

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 onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 40.09	03/04/2009		A	11,100	<u>(1)</u>	03/03/2014	Common Stock	11,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KEANE JOHN M C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042



Signatures

Julie P. Aslaksen, by power of attorney 03/06/2009

**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) Fifty percent become exercisable on 3/4/10 and the remaining fifty percent become exercisable on 3/4/11.

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