FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     AVRIL VICKI L  |   |  |   |                                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [ GEF,GEF.B ] |        |      |                 |   |                 |                         |   |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% O |   |  |  | wner                                  |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--------|------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 425 WINTER ROAD  |   |  |   |                                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2008         |        |      |                 |   |                 |                         |   |  | Officer<br>below)   | (give title   |  | Other (s<br>below)   | pecify                                |
| (Street) DELAW   |   |  | 43015<br>(Zip)  | 4.                              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)            |        |      |                 |   |                 |                         | 6. Lin  | e)<br>X Form f<br>Form f                       |   |   |  |  |                                       |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |   |                                 |   |        |      |                 |   |                 |                         |   |  |   |   |  |  |                                       |
| Date   |   |  |   | Transaction<br>te<br>lonth/Day/ | Execution Date,   |        | ate, | Code (Instr. 5) |   |                 | Beneficia<br>Owned F    | s F<br>Illy (I<br>ollowing (I   | Form:<br>(D) or                                | Form: Direct  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |                                       |
|  |   |  |   |                                 | Code V Amount (A) or P  |        |      |                 |   |                 | Price                   | Transact  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   |  |  |                                       |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |                                 |   |        |      |                 |   |                 |                         |   |  |   |   |  |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | Code                            |   | n of E |      |                 | 6. Date Exercisable ar<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | e and                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Sec<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | ative derivativ   | ve<br>es<br>ally<br>ig<br>d<br>tion(s) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   | Code                            | v   | (A)    | (D)  | Date<br>Exerc   | cisable   | Ex <sub>I</sub> | piration<br>te          | Title   | Amoun<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Shares           |   |   |  |  |                                       |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units<br>(Cash<br>Only<br>Rights)  | \$64.6  | 05/01/2008                                 |   | A                               |   | 96.75  |      | 08/08           | 8/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 08/             | /08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup> | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock  | 96.75  | \$64.6  | 3,568   | .5                                     | D  |                                       |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The units are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's retirement from the Board.

Vicki L. Avril by John K.

Dieker pursuant to a POA filed 05/01/2008 with the Commission.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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