FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Vashington, | D.C. | 20549 |  |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  AVRIL VICKI L  (Last) (First) (Middle) |   |  |   |   | 3.   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [ GEF,GEF.B ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |          |                                    |  |                  |  |  | (Che                                   | Relationship of Reporting I<br>heck all applicable)  X Director  Officer (give title<br>below) |   |            | Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  Other (specify below) |            |
|--|---|--|---|---|------|---|----------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|--|--|--|--|---|------------|---|------------|
| 425 WIN  | TER ROA   | D  |   |   | L    | 2/22/2009  If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |          |                                    |  |                  |  | 6. In  | dividual or Jo                         | oint/Group   | Filina  | (Check App | licable   |            |
| (Street)  DELAW  | ARE O   | Н  | 43015   |   | _    |   |          |                                    |  |                  | Line)  | Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person       |  |  |   |            |   |            |
| (City)   | (S  | state)                                     | (Zip)   |   |      |   |          |                                    |  |                  |  |  |  |  |   |            |   |            |
|  |   | Та   | ble I - Noi   | n-Deri  | vati | ve S  | ecuritie | es A                               | cquired  | , Dis            | sposed of,   | or Ben   | eficially                              | Owned  |   |            |   |            |
| Date   |   |  | 2. Trans<br>Date<br>(Month                          |   |      | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)   |          | e, Transaction Dis<br>Code (Instr. |  | n Disposed O     | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |  | Beneficial<br>Owned Fo                 | lly  | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |            | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership            |            |
|  |   |  |   |   |      |   |          |                                    | Code   | v                | Amount   | unt (A) or (D)   |  |  | ransaction(s)<br>Instr. 3 and 4)                  |            |   | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock 02  |   |  |   | 02/2  | 3/20 | /2009   |          | A                                  |  | 2,071(1)         | L <sup>(1)</sup> A \$2   |  | 5,53                                   | 5,539 <sup>(2)</sup>   |   | D          |   |            |
|  |   |  |   |   |      |   |          |                                    |  |                  | oosed of, o  |  |  | Owned  |   |            |   |            |
| 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 Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | Date, Code (Instr. 8)  Transaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 10) |      | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or  |          |                                    | 7. Title and Amou<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)            | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy                         | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                              | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)             |            |   |            |
|  |   |  |   | c   | Code | v   | (A)      | (D)                                | Date<br>Exercisab  |                  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |   |            |   |            |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units<br>(Cash<br>Only<br>Rights)                            | \$28.96   | 02/22/2009                                 |   |   | A    |   | 25.9     |                                    | 08/08/198  | 8 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 25.9                                   | \$28.96  | 4,283   | 29         | D   |            |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units<br>(Cash<br>Only<br>Rights)                            | \$27.4  | 02/23/2009                                 |   |   | A    |   | 282.84   |                                    | 08/08/198  | 8(3)             | 08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>                                      | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 282.84                                 | \$27.4   | 4,566.  | 14         | D   |            |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares are subject to restriction until the earlier of February 23, 2012, or the reporting person's retirement from the Board.
- 2. Shares are subject to restriction on transfer.
- 3. 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 02/24/2009 with the Commission.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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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