

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PALMISANO SAMUEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/06/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, Pres., and CEO

IBM CORPORATION, NEW ORCHARD ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ARMONK, NY 10504

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/20/2008		G	V	585	D	\$ 0 35,581.9922 D
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- (2) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (4) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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