

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SHANKS VIRGINIA E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC [HET]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC, ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/28/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP Brand Management

(Street)  
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

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

(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)
Common Stock	01/28/2008		D	(A) or (D) 5,099 (1) D (1)	\$ 90 (1) 0	I	By 401(k)

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 73.95	01/28/2008		D	26,667	<u>(2)(4)</u> 06/17/2012	Common Stock	26,667
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 63.96	01/28/2008		D	50,000	<u>(2)(5)</u> 11/09/2012	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 64.97	01/28/2008		D	18,239	<u>(3)(6)</u> 07/19/2013	Common Stock	18,239

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHANKS VIRGINIA E C/O HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC ONE CAESARS PALACE DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89119			Sr. VP Brand Management	

## Signatures

Virginia E. Shanks by Angela P. Winter, Attorney-in-Fact 01/28/2008

\_\_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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") among the Issuer, Hamlet Holdings LLC, ("Parent") and Hamlet (1) Merger Inc. a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (the "Merger"), which provides for the cancellation of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in exchange for \$90.00 per share (the "Merger Consideration").
- (2) All vested and unvested options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
- (3) All vested and unvested stock appreciation rights were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash consideration equal to the Merger Consideration less the exercise price per share.
- (4) The options were exercisable in three equal installments on 1/1/06, 1/1/07 and 1/1/08.
- (5) The options were exercisable in three installments on 1/1/08, 1/1/09 and 1/1/10 in the following amounts: 12,500, 12,500 and 50,000 respectively.
- (6) The stock appreciation rights were exercisable in three equal installments on 6/30/07, 6/30/08 and 6/30/09.

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