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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \* Haefner Larry A.

(Middle)

(Zip)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/01/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

(Last) (First)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

333 SOUTH WABASH

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

**EVP & Chief Actuary** 

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

\_X\_\_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

10% Owner

Person Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

CHICAGO, Â ILÂ 60604

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and

**Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

5.

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

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Stock Appreciation
Rights (1)

04/30/2009 04/30/2018

Common

15,000 \$ 26.75

D Â

**Reporting Owners** 

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Haefner Larry A.

333 SOUTH WABASH CHICAGO, ILÂ 60604 Â

EVP & Chief Actuary

**Signatures** 

Larry A. Haefner

05/05/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Common Stock vest annually in four equal installments commencing on April 30, 2009.

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