

MINICUCCI BENITO  
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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 \*  
MINICUCCI BENITO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP INC [ALK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ALASKA AIRLINES,  
INC., 19300 INTERNATIONAL  
BLVD SO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/26/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXEC VP/OPS AND COO

(Street)  
SEATTLE, WA 98188

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	05/26/2010		M		2,775	A	\$ 32.96	4,942	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/26/2010		F		1,957	D	\$ 46.72	2,985	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M		5,950	A	\$ 27.56	8,935	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M		2,670	A	\$ 27.49	11,605	D	
COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010		M		564	A	\$ 25.23	12,169	D	

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COMMON STOCK	05/27/2010	S	9,184	D	\$ 48.0157	2,985	D
COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u>						42,920	D

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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 32.96	05/26/2010		M	2,775	08/30/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/30/2015	COMMON	2,775
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.56	05/27/2010		M	5,950	01/29/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/29/2019	COMMON	5,950
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 27.49	05/27/2010		M	2,670	02/08/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/08/2018	COMMON	2,670
EMP STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 25.23	05/27/2010		M	564	09/19/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	09/19/2017	COMMON	564

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MINICUCCI BENITO C/O ALASKA AIRLINES, INC. 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SO SEATTLE, WA 98188			EXEC VP/OPS AND COO	

## Signatures

KAREN A. GRUEN, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO MINICUCCI	05/28/2010
__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).
- (1) STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE 2004 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE EQUITY AND 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLANS; SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.
- (2) THE OPTIONS VESTED IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY VESTED AS OF 8/30/09.
- (3) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 01/29/10, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 01/29/11, 01/29/12 AND 01/29/13.
- (4) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 02/08/10, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 02/08/11 AND 02/08/12.
- (5) THE OPTIONS VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS; OPTIONS EXERCISED VESTED ON 09/19/09, THE REMAINING OPTIONS WILL VEST ON 09/19/10 AND 09/19/11.

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