

Hilltop Holdings Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â VANEK GREG | | (Month/Day/Year) | Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/06/2008 | |
| 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75201 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | President of NLASCO, Inc. | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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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)

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| 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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

(Instr. 5)

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | Â (1) | 10/25/2012 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ 12.06 | D | Â |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VANEK GREG 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330 DALLAS, TX 75201 | Â | Â | Â President of NLASCO, Inc. | Â |

Signatures

/s/ GREG
VANEK

04/10/2008

__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) Stock option granted pursuant to 2003 Equity Incentive Plan; vests in five equal installments on October 25, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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