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Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

HECKMAN PETER H

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA

12/31/2008

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Person

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amo Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Underlying Secu Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

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Phantom

Common Stock $\$ 0 \frac{(1)}{2}$ 12/31/2008 Α 186.036 08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(2) Stock

Units

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Other Director

HECKMAN PETER H 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Ann M. Caparros, Attorney in Fact for Peter H. 01/05/2009 Heckman

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) One-for-one.

The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are (2) acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for employees which are to be settled 100% in cash on the earlier of the reporting person's retirement date, termination date or a date certain.

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