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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 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement State Auto Financial CORP [STFC] À Schultheis Kenan Lee (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3425 OAK HILL ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer \_\_X\_\_ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) EVANSVILLE, INÂ 47711 Form filed by More than One Director of Parent Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Shares without par value 401.6203 Spouse Common Shares without par value 856.21 (1) I Corporation Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	01/01/2007	06/30/2015	Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	749.8 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 30.67	I	Corporation
Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	01/01/2007	12/31/2015	Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	630.66 (1)	\$ 36.46	I	Corporation
Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	01/01/2007	12/31/2016	Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	663.32 (1)	\$ 34.68	I	Corporation
Agents Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	12/31/2008	12/31/2016	Agent Stock Option Plan (right to buy) NQ	663.32 (1)	\$ 34.68	I	Corporation

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Schultheis Kenan Lee 3425 OAK HILL ROAD EVANSVILLE, IN 47711	Â	Â	Â	Director of Parent			

## **Signatures**

By:/s/Kenan L. Schultheis by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact, per POA attached 03/06/2007

\*\*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) Reporting person owns 46% of interest in a corporation which holds the shares of State Auto Financial Corporation.

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