#### WIGGANS THOMAS G Form 3 October 30, 2008 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A<br>Person <u>*</u><br>WIGGAI  | 1          | U               | 2. Date of Event Requiring<br>Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)                         | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEPLIN INC [PLI]   |  |       |   |  |
|---|------------|-----------------|---|--|--|-------|---|--|
| (Last)                                      | (First)    | (Middle)        | 10/30/2008  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |       | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
| C/O PEPLIN                                  | N, INC., 6 | 5475            |   |  |  |       | · · ·   |  |
| CHRISTIE .                                  | AVENUE     |                 | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |       |   |  |
| <sup>(Street)</sup><br>EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 |            |                 |   | _X_Director10% Owner<br>_X_OfficerOther<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>CEO and Chairman of the Board |  |       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group<br>Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting<br>Person<br>Form filed by More than One<br>Reporting Person |  |
| (City)                                      | (State)    | (Zip)           | Table I - I   | Non-Derivat  | tive Securiti  | es Be | neficially Owned  |  |
| 1.Title of Secu<br>(Instr. 4)               | rity       |                 | 2. Amount o<br>Beneficially<br>(Instr. 4)   | f Securities   | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |       | ture of Indirect Beneficial<br>rship  |  |
| Common Stock                                |            |                 | 1,319 <u>(1)</u>  |  | D  | Â     |   |  |
| Reminder: Rep<br>owned directly             |            | ate line for ea | ch class of securities benefic  | <sup>ially</sup> S   | EC 1473 (7-02  | )     |   |  |
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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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|   |  | Title  | Security  | Direct (D)  |   |

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|              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |          | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option | (2)                 | 01/15/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 25,000                           | \$ 13.27 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option | (3)                 | 10/05/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 225,000                          | \$ 6.24  | D                                | Â |

# **Reporting Owners**

| <b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>  | Relationships              |   |                               |       |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer |   |                               | Other |  |  |
| WIGGANS THOMAS G<br>C/O PEPLIN, INC.<br>6475 CHRISTIE AVENUE<br>EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 | ÂX                         | Â | CEO and Chairman of the Board | Â     |  |  |
| Signatures   |                            |   |                               |       |  |  |
| /s/ Candace Page, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas G. Wiggans                             |                            |   | 10/30/2008                    |       |  |  |

\*\*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) Excludes fractional shares that result from conversion of CHESS Depository Interests which represent 1/20 of one share of common stock of the Issuer.
- (2) 6,250 options will vest on 01/15/09, beginning 02/15/09 the remaining options will vest in thirty-six (36) successive monthly installments until fully vested on 01/15/12.
- (3) 112,500 options will vest on 06/30/09, beginning 07/30/09 the remaining options will vest in twelve (12) equal monthly installments until fully vested on 06/30/10.

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