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See Instruction 1(b).

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BUDA JAMES B**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP & Chief Legal Officer

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PEORIA, IL 61629-7310

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

 $41,160^{(1)}$ D

Common

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number boof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2010	A	100	(3)	(3)	Common	100	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUDA JAMES B 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-7310

VP & Chief Legal Officer

Signatures

J. B. Buda; L.J. Huxtable,

POA 01/03/2011

**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) This amount includes 16,254 shares in 401K and 4324 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or separation from service.

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