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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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (I		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Pruitt Kristin 52041 CARDING MILL CT GRANGER, IN 46530	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â			

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/11/2009

**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).

The number of shares represents equivalent shares based on the fair market value of the shares of Lakeland Financial Common Stock held by the unitized stock fund under the Lakeland Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan based on a report from the Plan Administrator dated as of December 31, 2008. The Reporting Person has an interest in the unitized fund, which holds shares of Lakeland Financial Corporation Common Stock and short-term investments.

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