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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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 Address of Reporting

Person *

MARTINDALE STEVEN L

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/05/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Executive Vice President

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., 3600 WEST LAKE

AVENUE

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

GLENVIEW. ILÂ 60026

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4 Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Form of Ownership

Derivative Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	02/09/2008(1)	02/09/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 51.6	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/08/2009(1)	02/08/2018	Common	15,000	\$ 48.51	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MARTINDALE STEVEN L ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW. IL 60026	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Steven L. Martindale by James H. Wooten, Jr., Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

12/11/2008

**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) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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