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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting I NARDONE RANDAL A (Last) (First) 1345 AVENUE OF THE AM FLOOR	<ul> <li>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP [NCT]</li> <li>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2009</li> </ul>						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director10% Owner XOfficer (give title below)Other (specify below) Secretary				
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10105	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Т	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	ction	<ul> <li>A. Securities Acquired</li> <li>(A) or Disposed of</li> <li>(D)</li> <li>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</li> </ul>		of	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)Ownership Form:Indir Bene Own(Instr. 3 and 4)Direct (D)Own		Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								1,025,729	I	Fortress Operating Entity II LP (1) (2)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								2,380	I	By Self as Custodian for Daughter	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							5,000	I	The Flying O Foundation		

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.		5.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature				
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transact	ion	Num	ber	and Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect				
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		of		(Month/Day/Year)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Month/Day/Year)		Unde	rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Deriv	rative	2		Securities		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership				
	Derivative					Secur	rities			(Instr	. 3 and		Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)				
	Security					Acqu	ired			4)			0	Direct (D)					
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									Expiration	Title	Number								
								Exercisable	Date		of								
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares								

## **Reporting Owners**

	Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships							
Reporting Owner N			10% Owner	Officer	Other					
NARDONE RANDAL A 1345 AVENUE OF THE AM NEW YORK, NY 10105	ERICAS, 46TH FLOOR			Secretary						

### Signatures

/s/ Randal Nardone	12/09/2009
**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).
- By virtue of his ownership interest in Fortress Investment Group LLC ("FIG") and certain of its affiliates, Mr. Nardone may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these (1) shares of common stock. However, Mr. Nardone disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of common stock of the issuer held by Fortress Operating Entity II LP ("FOE II") except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) FIG Corp. is the general partner of FOE II. FIG Corp. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FIG.

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