

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORTRESS PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LLC		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP [NCT]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1251 AVENUE OF THE AMERICA 16 FLOOR		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2003			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10020		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Series B Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01	09/15/2003		P		1,096	A	\$ 26.99	1,096	I	By Newcastle Investment Holdings Corp. (1)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01								2,750,189	D	

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

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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 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORTRESS PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LLC 1251 AVENUE OF THE AMERICA 16 FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020		X		

Signatures

Fortress Principal Investment Holdings LLC; By: Randal A. Nardone, Secretary; /s/ Randal A. Nardone

09/16/2003

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).

Fortress Principal Investment Holdings LLC (FPIH) may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares by virtue of its beneficial ownership of 26.1% of the (1) outstanding common stock of Newcastle Investment Holdings Corp. (NIH). FPIH disclaims beneficial ownership of the issuer held by NIH, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest.

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