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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Per MCFARLAND STUART A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP [NCT] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director 10% Owner | | | |
|---|--|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| (Last) (First) C/O FORTRESS INVESTMEN GROUP, 1345 AVE OF THE A 46TH FL | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2009 | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify b | pelow) | | |
| (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) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount | isposed 4 and 5 (A) or | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 05/28/2009 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 18,519 | А | \$ 0.81 | 22,589 | 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | Transacti | ion | Numl | ber | and Expirati | on Date | Amou | unt of | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | | of | | (Month/Day | /Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | | | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Deriv | ative | | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
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| | | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | | | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MCFARLAND STUART A C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP 1345 AVE OF THE AMERICAS 46TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10105 | Х | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Stuart A. McFarland | 06/16/2009 | |
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| **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) Shares were issued to director as compensation for services provided to the issuer pursuant to the terms of the issuer's Nonqualified Stock Option and Incentive Award Plan.

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