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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement COUSINS PROPERTIES INC [CUZ] Yenser Steven V (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 191 PEACHTREE STREET (Check all applicable) NE, SUITE 3600 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting **EVP** Person ATLANTA, GAÂ 30303 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 3,915 Common Stock (1) 688.7508 I By Profit Sharing Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock (2)	12/09/2006(2)	12/09/2009	Common Stock	662	\$ 0	D	Â
Phantom Stock (2)	12/11/2007(2)	12/11/2010	Common Stock	1,538	\$ 0	D	Â
Phantom Stock (2)	12/11/2008(3)	12/11/2011	Common Stock	1,353	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	11/19/2003	11/19/2012	Common Stock	2,946	\$ 16.44	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	14,464	\$ 22.49	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/08/2005	12/08/2014	Common Stock	19,775	\$ 28.44	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/09/2006	12/09/2015	Common Stock	13,397	\$ 26.11	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/11/2007	12/11/2016	Common Stock	14,184	\$ 36	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	12/06/2008	12/06/2017	Common Stock	15,708	\$ 24.27	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	
Yenser Steven V 191 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 3600 ATLANTA, GA 30303	Â	Â	EVP	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Steven V.
Yenser

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** 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 held by the reporting person as beneficiary in the Company's Profit Sharing Plan.
- (2) Award of restricted stock units under the 2005 RSU Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the fair market value of one share of CPI's common stock as of the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on

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each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment. The Exercisable Date reported is the first anniversary date of the grant when the first traunch of shares vests.

Stock Options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. The options vest 25% per year on the anniversary date of the grant date, with shares being 100% vested in year four of the grant term. The Exercisable Date reported is the first anniversary date of the grant when the first traunch of options vests.

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