CNA SURETY CORP

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cleberg Anthony S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

CNA SURETY CORP [SUR]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

1115 BRENTHAVEN COURT

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

D

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10/27/2008

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MONUMENT, CO 80132

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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CNA

Surety 10/27/2008 Common

1,500

3,000

Stock

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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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |

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Signatures

Rosemary Quinn

- POA 10/29/2008

**Signature of Reporting 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) CNA Surety Board Member purchased CNA Surety Common Stock

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