ELLSWORTH FUND LTD

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

DINSMORE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO/NJ

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ELLSWORTH FUND LTD [ECF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

65 MADISON AVE, SUITE 550

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

11/07/2008

Officer (give title

10% Owner X_ Other (specify

below)

below) Investment adviser

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Form: Owned Following Reported (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount

Transaction(s) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Shares of Beneficial

Interest

11/07/2008

5,144 S (1)

4 8598

(A)

(D)

11,480

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed			Amor Unde Secur	tle and unt of orlying rities : 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
				of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
				4, and 3)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
			Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DINSMORE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO/NJ 65 MADISON AVE SUITE 550 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

Investment adviser

Signatures

/s/ Gary I. Levine, attorney-in-fact

11/12/2008

**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) Private transaction.

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