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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Requiring Statement Nalco Holding CO [NLC] Melin Eric G (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person NAPERVILLE, Â ILÂ 60563-1198 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Chairman, Asia Pacific Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 5)

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

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

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Melin Eric G

1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD Chairman, Asia Pacific NAPERVILLE, ILÂ 60563-1198

Signatures

/s/Anne Marie Morris, as attorney in fact 09/08/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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