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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED, THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL

(Street)

DUBLIN, L2 00000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

* See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | 02/21/2008 | | P | | 100,000 | A | \$ 20.16 |
| | | | | | | | 22,419,334 |
| | | | | | | | D ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ₍₅₎ |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/21/2008 | | P | | 610,000 | A | \$ 20.2852 |
| | | | | | | | 23,029,334 |
| | | | | | | | D ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ ₍₅₎ |

(par value
\$0.10 per
share)

Class A
Common

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|---|------------|---|--------|---|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | 02/21/2008 | P | 72,000 | A | \$ 20.484 | 23,101,334 | D <u>(1) (4)</u> <u>(5)</u> |
|---|------------|---|--------|---|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|

Class A
Common

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|--------|---|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | 02/21/2008 | P | 30,700 | A | \$ 20.6973 | 23,132,034 | D <u>(1) (4)</u> <u>(5)</u> |
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Class A
Common

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | 02/21/2008 | P | 1,210,000 | A | \$ 20.2693 | 24,342,034 | D <u>(1) (4)</u> <u>(5)</u> |
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Class A
Common

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|-----|------------------------------------|
| Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | | | | | | 100 | D <u>(1) (2)</u> <u>(4) (5)</u> |
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Class A
Common

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|-----|------------------------------------|
| Stock (par value \$0.10 per share) | | | | | | 100 | D <u>(1) (3)</u> <u>(4) (5)</u> |
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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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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(A) or
Disposed
of (D)
(Instr. 3,
4, and 5)

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| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL DUBLIN, L2 00000 | | X | | * See Remarks |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | X | | * See Remarks |
| HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS NY, LLC C/O HARBINGER CAP PTNRS OFFSHORE MGR LLC ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244 | | X | | * See Remarks |

Signatures

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore
Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas,
Jr., Executive Vice President 02/25/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., By: Harbinger Capital Partners
Special Situations GP, LLC, By: HMC - New York, Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ William
R. Lucas, Jr., Executive Vice President 02/25/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbinger Capital Partners, NY, LLC, By: Harbinger Capital Master Fund I, Ltd., By:
Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., its Investment Manager, By: HMC
Investors, L.L.C., its Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr., Executive VP 02/25/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., or the Master Fund, is the direct beneficial owner of 100 shares of the Issuer's class A common stock, or the Shares, Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., or the Special Situations Fund, is the direct
- (1) beneficial owner of 100 Shares and Harbinger Capital Partners NY, LLC, or the LLC, is the direct beneficial owner of 24,342,034 Shares. The Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own certain of the shares directly beneficially owned by the LLC (See Note 4).

- Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., or Harbinger Management, is the investment manager of the Master Fund. HMC Investors, L.L.C., or HMC Investors, is the managing member of Harbinger Management. Harbert Management Corporation, or HMC, is the managing member of HMC Investors. Philip Falcone is the portfolio manager of the Master Fund and a shareholder of HMC.
- (2) Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce are shareholders of HMC. Each of Harbinger Management, HMC Investors, HMC, and Messrs. Falcone, Harbert and Luce may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly or indirectly by the Master Fund. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

- Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, or HCPSS, is the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, HMC-New York, Inc., or HMCNY, is the managing member of HCPSS. HMC wholly owns HMCNY. Philip Falcone is the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund and is a shareholder of HMC. Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce are shareholders of HMC. Each of
- (3) HCPSS, HMCNY, HMC, and Messrs. Falcone, Harbert and Luce may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly or indirectly by the Special Situations Fund. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

- The Master Fund, the Special Situations Fund and Firebrand Investments, LLC, or Firebrand Investments, are members of the LLC. Scott Galloway is the managing member of Firebrand Investments. The Master Fund has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by the Master Fund or purchased using capital contributions of the Master Fund to the LLC. The Special Situations Fund has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by the Special Situations Fund or purchased using capital contributions of the Special Situations Fund to the LLC. Firebrand Investments has sole investment control over the securities directly owned by the LLC that were contributed to the LLC by Firebrand Investments (or certain related investors) or purchased using capital contributions of Firebrand Investments (or certain related investors) to the LLC.
- (4)

- Under the terms of the operating agreement of the LLC, Firebrand Investments has an interest in the net profits from investments in the Issuer that are made by the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, including direct investments and indirect investments through the LLC. Mr. Galloway may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own securities that are beneficially owned by Firebrand Investments.
- (5) Firebrand Investments and Mr. Galloway disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the LLC, the Master Fund and the Special Situations Fund, except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

Remarks:

(*) The Reporting Persons and the other persons referred to the footnotes to this Statement may be deemed to be members of a "group" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities deemed to be owned by the group that are not directly owned by the reporting person. This Statement shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is a member of a group or the beneficial owner of any securities not directly owned by such Reporting Person.

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