## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Paulsen Jeffrey B						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TRIMAS CORP [ TRS ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director  Officer (give title  X  Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 39400 WOODWARD AVE., STE. 130						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2007										elow) forme		helow) Energy/Indus		,
(Street) BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48304					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)																	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Exe if ar	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					4 and See		ally Following	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	_ Tr	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				,,,
Common Stock 09/0					/2007				A		8,500(1)		A	\$	\$0		18,500			
Common Stock 04/02/					2/2008	2008			A		5,500	1)	A	\$	0	24,000		D		
Common Stock 06/19					9/2008				D		11,639(2)		D	\$	0	12,361		D		
	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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	Date, Transacti Code (Ins				6. Date E Expiratio Month/D	n Dat		Amo Sec Und Deri Sec	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5	ve di / S ) B O Fi R Ti	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Restricted shares of common stock granted under the 2006 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse as to one-third of the number of shares on each anniversary date of the grant.
- 2. Prorated portion vested with remainder forfeited pursuant to the terms of the Letter Agreement dated July 7, 2008.

/s/ Paula Reno attorney-in-fact 09/25/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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