

MANNING PATRICK T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 MANNING PATRICK T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO  
 INC [STRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 20810 FERNBUSH LANE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/19/2008

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

HOUSTON, TX 77073

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

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock	09/19/2008		M	3,700	A \$ 1.5	146,200	D
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M	3,500	A \$ 1.725	149,700	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)

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.5	09/19/2008		M	3,700	<u>(1)</u> 07/23/2011	Common Stock	3,700
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.725	09/19/2008		M	3,500	<u>(2)</u> 07/24/2012	Common Stock	3,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MANNING PATRICK T 20810 FERNBUSH LANE HOUSTON, TX 77073	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Roger M. Barzun under a Power of Attorney  
09/19/2008

\_\_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) This stock option is exercisable in five equal installments on the first five anniversaries of the date it was granted, July 23, 2001.
- (2) This stock option is exercisable in five equal installments on the first five anniversaries of the date it was granted, July 24, 2002.

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