#### CITY NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

November 14, 2008

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Symbol

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

CITY NATIONAL CORP [CYN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_ Director

\_X\_\_ 10% Owner

400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year)

11/13/2008

X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify

below) President and CEO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative S	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie coor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (I	<b>O</b> )	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)
Common Stock	11/13/2008		P(1)	250,000	A	\$ 42.12	250,000	I	As Trustee of Apple Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2008		P <u>(1)</u>	250,000	A	\$ 42.12	250,000	I	As Trustee of Coral Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2008		P <u>(1)</u>	250,000	A	\$ 42.12	250,000	I	As Trustee of Birch Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2008		P(1)	250,000	A	\$ 42.12	250,000	I	As Special Trustee of

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								BCG 2008 IDIT Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2008	P(1)	250,000	A	\$ 42.12	250,000	I	As Special Trustee of CDG 2008 IDIT Trust
Common Stock						190,100	D	
Common Stock						2,668	I	By CNC Profit Sharing Plan (2)
Common Stock						2,860,000	I	By the Goldsmith Family Partnership
Common Stock						417,240	I	By the Russell Goldsmith Trust
Common Stock						304,930	I	By Maple Pine Limited Partnership
Common Stock						7,500	I	By MKB Co. Ltd.
Common Stock						30,000	I	As Trustee of the ELM 2006 Charitable Annuity Lead Trust
Common Stock						4,134	I	As Trustee of the Brian Goldsmith 1985 Trust
Common Stock						2,912	I	As Trustee of the Kathryn Goldsmith 1985 Trust
Common Stock						1,222	I	By California Quintent LLC

Common Stock 8 As Trustee of the West LA Investment Trust No. 1-R

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of ) Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	Amor Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code '	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
GOLDSMITH RUSSELL D 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	X	X	President and CEO						

## **Signatures**

Russell D.
Goldsmith

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

11/14/2008

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).

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- (1) Shares acquired as part of family estate planning.
- (2) Shares held in the reporting person's City National Corporation Profit Sharing Plan as of October 31, 2008.

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