GREIF INC Form 4 December 08, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LILAK JOHN S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/06/2004

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

425 WINTER ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Exec. VP & Pres. Soterra LLC 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

DELAWARE, OH 43015

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of

Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Common Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.13	12/06/2004		A		5,000		12/06/2006	12/06/2014	Class A Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LILAK JOHN S			Exec. VP					
425 WINTER ROAD			& Pres.					
DELAWARE, OH 43015			Soterra LLC					

Signatures

John S. Lilak by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

12/08/2004

**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).

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