

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
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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 \*  
FRIBOURG PAUL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/20/2007

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

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/20/2007		P		90,000	A	\$ 29.8554	8,516,585	I	see footnote (1)
Common Stock	09/20/2007		P		50,000	A	\$ 29.8243	8,566,585	I	see footnote (1)
Common Stock	09/20/2007		P		25,000	A	\$ 29.7248	8,591,585	I	see footnote (1)
Common Stock	09/21/2007		P		50,000	A	\$ 30.0569	8,641,585	I	see footnote (1)



## 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) The shares listed as indirectly owned in the table above are shares owned directly by ContiGroup Companies, Inc. ("ContiGroup"). Mr. Fribourg may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock owned directly by ContiGroup by virtue of being the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of ContiGroup. In addition, Mr. Fribourg is one of the co-trustees and in one case, a beneficiary, of various trusts established for the benefit of certain members of Mr. Fribourg's family that collectively control a majority interest in ContiGroup. Mr. Fribourg disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to all of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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