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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2008

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Institutional Investment Managers Filing this Report:

Name: Robert E. Robotti

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The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Robert E. Robotti

Title: President

Phone: 212-986-4800

Form 13F File Number: 028-10843

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Robert E. Robotti New York, NY November 14, 2008

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

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List of Other Included Managers:

NONE

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AMREP CORP NEW	COM	032159105	15705	370313	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC	COM	050095108	11459	314802	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BPZ ENERGY INC	COM	055639108	3489	202835	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BALDWIN & LYONS INC	CL A	057755100	471	22656	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BALDWIN TECHNOLOGY INC	CL A	058264102	675	264875	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BEXIL CORP	COM	088577101	225	9000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL	CL B	084670207	686	156	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS	COM	09058V103	39	12500	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BOLT TECHNOLOGY CORP	COM	097698104	217	15000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BOOTS & COOTS/INTL WELL CTRL	COM NEW	099469504	390	201850	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	10760	157170	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAPITAL PPTYS INC R I	COM	140430109	531	23100	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAVALIER HOMES INC	COM	149507105	744	443000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAVCO INDS INC DEL	COM	149568107	1732	47920	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CERADYNE INC	COM	156710105	3849	101983	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
COAST DISTR SYS	COM	190345108	1201	428879	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CGG VERITAS	SPONSORED ADR	204386106	2920	91849	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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CYCLE CTRY ACCESSORIES CORP	COM	232984104	21	20000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
DECORATOR INDS INC	COM PAR \$0.20	243631207	1656	919818	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
DOVER DOWNS GAMING & ENTMNT	COM	260095104	140	18000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE

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DOVER MOTORSPORTS INC	COM	260174107	195	35700	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
DREW INDS INC	COM NEW	26128L205	1306	76307	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES INC	COM	339099103	3730	3656824	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
GEOKINETICS INC	COM PAR \$0.01	372910300	991	52150	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	COM NEW	402635304	2146	213511	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
HEARUSA INC	COM NEW	422360305	170	149200	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
HELMERICH & PAYNE INC	COM	423452101	4727	109448	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
IDT CORP	COM	448947101	23	43930	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
IDT CORP	CL B	448947309	139	187830	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ILX RESORTS	COM NEW	449661503	186	124571	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
IMPERIAL INDS INC	COM NEW	452848401	13	12375	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
K TRON INTL INC	COM	482730108	13812	107211	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
LL & E RTY TR	UNIT BEN INT	502003106	1594	915988	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
LEUCADIA NATL CORP	COM	527288104	928	20430	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
LIVEPERSON INC	COM	538146101	38	13000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
MONACO COACH CORP	COM	60886R103	20	10000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NATIONAL WESTN LIFE INS CO	CL A	638522102	641	2648	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NEWMARKET CORP	COM	651587107	3985	75814	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	1872	80590	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NOBILITY HOMES INC	COM	654892108	346	22272	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ORIGEN FINL INC	COM	68619E208	627	526755	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PHI INC	COM VTG	69336T106	747	18681	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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PANHANDLE ROYALTY	CL A	698477106	22045	769991	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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PERMA-FIX ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS	COM	714157104	960	461444	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	1802	54025	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
POINT 360	COM	730698107	292	200000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PRE-PAID LEGAL SVCS INC	COM	740065107	11998	290798	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PRICESMART INC	COM	741511109	8941	534105	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
RTI INTL METALS INC	COM	74973W107	196	10013	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
SEACOR HOLDINGS INC	COM	811904101	1434	18160	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
SENECA FOODS CORP NEW	CL A	817070501	1746	91492	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
SILVERLEAF RESORTS INC	COM	828395103	186	150000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
STAMPS COM INC	COM NEW	852857200	368	31575	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	627	44109	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TETON ENERGY CORP	COM	881628101	31	10000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TRIMAS CORPORATION	COM NEW	896215209	296	45164	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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