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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 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

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Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Robert E. Robotti New York, NY February 17, 2009

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AMREP CORP NEW	COM	032159105	9665	308986	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC	COM	050095108	4764	311808	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BPZ ENERGY INC	COM	055639108	1298	202835	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BALDWIN & LYONS INC	CL A	057755100	344	22656	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BALDWIN TECHNOLOGY INC	CL A	058264102	449	261050	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BEXIL CORP	COM	088577101	239	9000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL	CL B	084670207	501	156	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS	COM	09058V103	17	12500	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BOLT TECHNOLOGY CORP	COM	097698104	104	15000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
BOOTS & COOTS/INTL WELL CTRL	COM NEW	099469504	236	201850	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	6258	156520	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAPITAL PPTYS INC R I	COM	140430109	162	23100	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAVALIER HOMES INC	COM	149507105	435	406556	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CAVCO INDS INC DEL	COM	149568107	1246	46320	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CERADYNE INC	COM	156710105	2024	99650	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
COAST DISTR SYS	COM	190345108	442	429299	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
CGG VERITAS	SPONSORED ADR	204386106	1384	92346	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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DECORATOR INDS INC	COM PAR \$0. 20	243631207	592	910030	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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DOVER MOTORSPORTS INC	COM	260174107	46	35700	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
DREW INDS INC	COM NEW	26128L205	952	79332	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES INC	COM	339099103	270	2701544	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
GEOKINETICS INC	COM PAR \$0.01	372910300	149	60400	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	COM NEW	402635304	843	213511	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
HEARUSA INC	COM NEW	422360305	74	139600	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
HELMERICH & PAYNE INC	COM	423452101	2464	108292	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
IDT CORP	CL B	448947309	29	71645	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ILX RESORTS	COM NEW	449661503	73	124571	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
IMPERIAL INDS INC	COM NEW	452848401	4	12375	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
K TRON INTL INC	COM	482730108	8630	108008	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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LEUCADIA NATL CORP	COM	527288104	1503	75904	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
LINCOLN ELEC HLDGS INC	COM	533900106	1905	37400	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
LIVEPERSON INC	COM	538146101	27	15000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
MOBILE MINI INC	COM	60740F105	2946	204275	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
MONACO COACH CORP	COM	60886R103	5	10000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NATIONAL WESTN LIFE INS CO	CL A	638522102	448	2648	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NEWMARKET CORP	COM	651587107	4655	133329	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	4215	239775	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
NOBILITY HOMES INC	COM	654892108	152	19222	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
ORIGEN FINL INC	COM	68619E208	109	184905	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PHI INC	COM VTG	69336T106	307	18681	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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PERMA-FIX ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS	COM	714157104	564	451144	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	1100	50250	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
POINT 360	COM	730698107	270	200000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PRE-PAID LEGAL SVCS INC	COM	740065107	13415	359756	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
PRICESMART INC	COM	741511109	11028	533790	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
SEACOR HOLDINGS INC	COM	811904101	1224	18360	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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STAMPS COM INC	COM NEW	852857200	317	32275	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	531	53134	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TETON ENERGY CORP	COM	881628101	10	10000	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TRINITY INDS INC	COM	896522109	2022	128320	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
TRIMAS CORP	COM NEW	896215209	62	45164	SOLE	N/A	SOLE
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