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FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended December 31, 2008

Check here if Amendment: ☐; Amendment Number: ____

This Amendment (Check only one): ☐ is a restatement
☐ adds new holding entries.

Institutional Manager Filing this Report:

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13F File Number: 28-XXXXX

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 Rettie
Title: Chief Accounting Officer
Phone: (212) 396-8742

Signature, Place and Date of Signing:

/s/ Robert Rettie

[Signature]

New York, New York

[City, State]

February 17, 2009

[Date]

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Report Type: (Check only one):

- ☐ 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report).
- ☒ 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting managers(s).)
- ☐ 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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28-11896	TIG Advisors, LLC

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Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	0
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	0
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	(thousands)

List of Other Included Managers: None

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

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