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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GOLDMAN JAMES A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>915 SECAUCUS ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>SECAUCUS NJ 07094</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHILDRENS PLACE RETAIL STORES INC [ PLCE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/02/2008</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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			

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/02/2008		A		6,000		(3)	02/02/2018	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	6,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This is the annual option grant that all non-employee directors are entitled to receive under the Registrant's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, the grant date is the last day of the Registrant's fiscal year, which was February 2, 2008.
- Under the Plan, because the Registrant's common stock was not traded on February 2, 2008, the per share exercise price is calculated as of February 1, 2008, the last date prior to the grant date that the Registrant's common stock was traded. The exercise price, which is the average of the high and low selling price of the Registrant's common stock on such date, is the Fair Market Value (as defined in the Plan).
- The option becomes exercisable in three equal installments on February 2, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

/s/ Lenwood Ross - Attorney-in-Fact      02/05/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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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