

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>MCCARRON FRANCIS T</u> | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/24/2009</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>HARBINGER GROUP INC. [ HRG ]</u>   |   |
|   |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>CFO and Exec. Vice President</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>100 MERIDIAN CENTRE, SUITE 350</u>      |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (Street)<br><u>ROCHESTER NY 14618</u>                                 |  |  |   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |  |   |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |
| Options                                    | 12/24/2010   | 12/23/2019      | Common Stock  | 41,667                     | 7.01   | D  |   |
| Options                                    | 12/24/2011   | 12/23/2019      | Common Stock  | 41,667                     | 7.01   | D  |   |
| Options                                    | 12/24/2012   | 12/23/2019      | Common Stock  | 41,666                     | 7.01   | D  |   |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Francis T. McCarron      12/30/2009

\*\* 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 5 (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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