

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Harker David</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>311 SOUTH WACKER DR.</u> <u>SUITE 4000</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>CHICAGO IL 60606</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/25/2009</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST INC [FR]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec. Director - Investments</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 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) |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 18,611 | D | |
| Common Stock | 8,096 | I | By his Trust |
| Common Stock | 13,779 | I | By his wife's Trust |
| Series J Cumulative Preferred Stock | 2,931 | I | By his wife's Trust |
| Series K Cumulative Preferred Stock | 3,000 | I | By his wife's Trust |

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) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (option to purchase) | 01/16/2003 | 01/16/2012 | Common Stock | 4,500 | 30.53 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ David Harker

03/09/2009

** 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).

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