

GENERAL MILLS INC

Form 4

December 16, 2008

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Friendly Ian R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below)

EVP, COO, US Retail

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/13/2008                              |                                                             | F                                    | 119                                                                 | D                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                    | Price                                                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | \$                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 61.14                                                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 90,760.3694                                                                                                        | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 376                                                                                                                | I                                                                    | by Child<br>#1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 376                                                                                                                | I                                                                    | by Child<br>#2 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 376                                                                                                                | I                                                                    | by Child<br>#3 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 5,677                                                                                                              | I                                                                    | by Trust<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                        |

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Common Stock 1,463 I by Trust 2 (3)

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                                   |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Friendly Ian R  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

EVP, COO, US Retail

## Signatures

By: Trevor V Gunderson For: Ian R  
Friendly

12/16/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Shares held in irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's child(ren).

(2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.

(3) Held in Trust for which the reporting person's spouse is a trustee and the reporting person's spouse and children are beneficiaries.

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