C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE INC

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Registration No. 333-____

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 41-1883630 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14701 Charlson Road

Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347-8500

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE, INC.

1997 OMNIBUS STOCK PLAN

(Full title of the plans)

Linda U. Feuss, Esq.

General Counsel and Secretary

C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.

14701 Charlson Road

Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347-8500

(952) 937-8500

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company " (Do not check if a smaller

reporting company) CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Proposed Proposed maximum Amount maximum to be offering price aggregate Amount of Title of securities to be registered registered (1) (2)offering price(3) registration fee per share(3) Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share 10,000,000 shares \$53.83 \$538,300,000 \$21,156

- (1) Includes 10,000,000 shares of common stock of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. issuable under the C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Plan, as amended (the Plan). Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement also covers any additional shares of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. common stock that may be granted under the Plan to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Includes corresponding rights to acquire C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. preferred stock pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(h)(1) and (c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low sales prices of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. common stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market on November 5, 2008.

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement relates to the registration of additional shares of common stock, \$.10 par value per share, of the Registrant under the C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Plan, a stock-based employee benefit plan for which the Registrant registered 10,000,000 shares of common stock under the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 16, 2001 (File No. 333-67718), the contents of which (including any post-effective amendments) are hereby incorporated by reference herein. The shares listed above reflect all stock splits of the Registrant effective through the date of this filing.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 10, 2007).
- 5.1 Opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP.
- 10.1 1997 Omnibus Stock Plan (as amended May 18, 2006) (Incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed on April 6, 2006).
- 23.1 Consent of Dorsey & Whitney LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Eden Prairie, State of Minnesota, on November 6, 2008.

C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE, INC.

By: /s/ John P. Wiehoff John P. Wiehoff

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on November 6, 2008.

Signature	Title	
/s/ John P. Wiehoff	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	
John P. Wiehoff	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Chad M. Lindbloom	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	
Chad M. Lindbloom	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
*	Director	
Steven L. Polacek		
*	Director	
ReBecca Koenig Roloff		
*	Director	
Robert Ezrilov		
*	Director	
Gerald A. Schwalbach		
*	Director	
Wayne M. Fortun		
	Director	
Brian P. Short		
*	Director	
Michael W. Wickham		

Director

Kenneth E. Keiser

*By: /s/ Linda U. Feuss Linda U. Feuss Attorney-in-Fact

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