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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SZTYKIEL JOHN E</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.<br>1000 REYNOLDS RD.<br><br>(Street)<br>CHARLOTTE, MI 48813<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SPARTAN MOTORS INC [ SPAR ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>President and CEO</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/30/2009</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   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 06/30/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 60,000  | A          | \$0     | 540,232   | D  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 06/30/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 2,079   | D          | \$11.33 | 538,153   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 12,795  | I  | Margaret Sztykiel (cust/daughter)                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 23,310  | I  | 401(k) retirement plan                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 57,420  | I  | Kyle J. Sztykiel (cust/son)                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 50,068  | I  | Laura Sztykiel (cust/daughter)                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 24,745  | I  | Brian A. Sztykiel (cust/son)                          |

**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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This Form 4 reports the grant of 60,000 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Motors, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2007 (the "Plan"). These shares will fully vest over five years. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.
- These shares were withheld by Spartan Motors, Inc. to satisfy tax withholding obligations incident upon the vesting of previously granted shares of restricted stock.

/s/ Kimberly Baber, as  
Attorney in Fact for John E. Sztykiel      07/01/2009

\*\* 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 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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