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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Stroup John S

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD,
 SUITE 800
 (Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BELDEN INC. [BDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/24/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 11.92	02/24/2009	A	167,800 ⁽²⁾					02/24/2010	02/24/2019	Common Stock	16

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stroup John S 7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD, SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ John S. Stroup
02/26/2009
 **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) The Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) were issued at the closing price of the Company's stock on February 24, 2009 (\$11.92). They will vest in equal amounts over three years and will expire ten years after the grant date. Upon exercise, the holder will receive in Belden stock the excess of fair market value per share at the time of exercise over the exercise price, times the number of SARs being exercised. Additional terms apply in the event of the holder's termination, death or retirement.
- (2) The SARs were approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on February 24, 2009, subject to stockholder approval of a share reserve increase for the Company's 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan at the 2009 Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

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