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MOTAMED THOMAS F S ₂			Symbol	r Name and INANCIA			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check					k all applicable)				
333 S. WAI	BASH AVE.		(Month/E 01/30/2	-				X Director X Officer (give below) Chain		Owner r (specify		
	(Street)			endment, Da nth/Day/Year	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M	ne Reporting Per	rson		
CHICAGO	, IL 60604							Person		porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed and f	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock (1)	01/30/2012			А	85,184	А	\$0	485,491	D			
Common Stock (2)	01/30/2012			F	8,827	D	\$ 27.67	476,664	D			

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	Date	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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			
MOTAMED THOMAS F 333 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60604	Х		Chairman and CEO				
Signatures							

**Signature of

Reporting Person

(1)

(2)

Thomas F. 01/31/2012 Motamed

Date

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Common stock represents the underlying security of restricted stock units granted to the reporting person, each restricted stock unit representing a contingent right to receive one share of CNA Financial Corporation common stock. The restricted stock units were awarded on January 28, 2011 based on performance throughout 2011 and approved for distribution on January 27, 2012 in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date (January 28, 2011); provided, however, that no restricted stock unit shall vest on such vesting date unless the reporting person has been continuously employed by CNA Financial Corporation from the grant date until such vesting date except as otherwise specified in award terms and employment agreement.

The Company's Incentive Compensation Plan (as amended and restated as of January 1, 2010) permits the withholding of shares of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the participants upon the lapse of restrictions on those shares. As previously reported, these shares were granted to Mr. Motamed on January 28, 2011.

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