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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH ALEX</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.</u> <u>770 COCHITUATE ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>FRAMINGHAM MA</u> <u>01701</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TJX COMPANIES INC /DE/ [ TJX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP -- Group Executive</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/09/2003</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	09/09/2003		J <sup>(1)</sup>		75,000	A	(1)	75,000	D	

**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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$20.14	09/09/2003		J <sup>(3)</sup>		150,000		09/09/2004	09/09/2013	Common Stock	150,000	\$20.14	150,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Award pursuant to the Company's 1986 Stock Incentive Plan which includes the right to have shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon exercise.
- Right to buy. Includes right to have shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon exercise.
- Granted pursuant to the 1986 Stock Incentive Plan and exercisable in annual installments of 33.3% per year beginning on 9/9/04.

**Remarks:**

Mary B. Reynolds, by Power of Attorney dated January 28, 09/11/2003 2002

\*\* 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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