FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Clift Matthew			<u>T</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TEMPUR PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC [TPX]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Own V Officer (give title Other (spe				ner		
C/O TEL INVID DEDIC INTERPLIANTONIA TOUC				02	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2009							X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) below) Ex VP, Global Operations					
(Street) LEXING (City)			40511 (Zip)	4.	If Ame	endment, [Date o	of Original Fil	ed (Mont	h/Da	vy/Year)	6. Lir	X Form f	led by One	Repo	(Check Appl rting Person One Report	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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							Code	/ Amo	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transact	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
		Code (5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiration Date of Sec (Month/Day/Year) Under Deriva		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)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date	ion	Title	Amount or Number of Share	;	(Instr. 4)	O11(3)		
Stock Options (option to buy)	\$6.14	02/27/2009		A		210,000		(1)	02/27/2	019	Common Stock	210,00	\$0	210,00	00	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 27, 2010 and ending on February 27, 2013.

Remarks:

/s/ Dale E. Williams, Attorney-

03/03/2009

<u>in-fact</u>

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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TEMPUR-PEDIC INTERNATIONAL INC.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Mark A. Sarvary, Dale E. Williams, and Bhaskar Rao, each individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Tempur-Pedic International Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact, or such attorneys-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

By this Power of Attorney, the undersigned hereby revokes all prior Powers of Attorney authorizing any person to sign any documents in the name of the undersigned related to Section 16 and the Company.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 11th day of February, 2009.

Signature: /s/ Matthew D. Clift

Print Name: Matthew D. Clift