FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	6/07/2005		Check	tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable)	.,		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)					X	Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (spe below)		Appli	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check pplicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One		
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
					ally Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Common Stock						2,500	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date		ate	nd 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur		ty (Instr. 4) Cor		nversion Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
				Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivati Securi	tive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

by Sandra L. Lambert for Thomas C. Leonard 06/08/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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