

STAVROPOULOS WILLIAM S
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
Stavropoulos, William S.			The Dow Chemical Company (DOW)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — 10% Owner — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year				
2030 Dow Center						02/14/03				
(Street)						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				
Midland, MI 48674						7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)			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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of			

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								Date		Shares			or Indire (I) (Instr.
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)⁽¹⁾	\$27.40	02/14/03		A	V	350,000.000	(2)	02/14/13	Common Stock	350,000.000		350,000.000	D

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The plan pursuant to which the reported grant was made provides for tax withholding rights.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2004.

By: /s/ **William S. Stavropoulos**
William S. Stavropoulos
 **Signature of Reporting Person

2/18/03
 Date

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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