

LINENS N THINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
AXELROD NORMAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC., 6  
BRIGHTON ROAD

(Street)

CLIFTON, NJ 07015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LINENS N THINGS INC [LIN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              |   | 178,649   | D  | \$ 28<br>(1) 0                    |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              |   | 2,341   | D  | \$ 28<br>(1) 0                    |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              |   | 400   | D  | \$ 28<br>(1) 0                    |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | By Minor Child                    |

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 25.02   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 200,000   | (3) (3)  | Common Stock  | 200,000                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 27.58   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 200,000   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 200,000                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 23.54   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 250,000   | (6) (6)  | Common Stock  | 250,000                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 18.81   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 300,000   | (7) (7)  | Common Stock  | 300,000                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 21.44   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 265,984   | (8) (8)  | Common Stock  | 265,984                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 31  | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 300,000   | (9) (9)  | Common Stock  | 300,000                       |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 30.65   | 02/14/2006                           |  | D                              | 350,000   | (10) (10)  | Common Stock  | 350,000                       |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other            |
| AXELROD NORMAN<br>C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC.<br>6 BRIGHTON ROAD<br>CLIFTON, NJ 07015 | X             |           |         | Chairman and CEO |

# Signatures

/s/ Brian D. Silva, 02/16/2006  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Laundry Holding Co., Laundry Merger Sub Co. and the issuer, dated as of November 8, 2005 (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for \$28.00 for each share of common stock of the issuer (the "Linens Common Stock") held by the reporting person.
  - (2) Represents restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2005 which vest completely on March 15, 2007, subject to continued employment.  
  
The options vest and are exercisable on and after December 31, 2004, provided that shares of Linens Common Stock acquired on exercise of this option may not be sold or otherwise disposed of except in one-third increments if, and at such point, over ten days (which need not be consecutive) in an established period of thirty days, the fair market value of Linens Common Stock is at or above \$30.02, \$33.03, and \$36.33, respectively. 100% of these option shares may be sold or otherwise disposed of beginning on and after November 30, 2011, except as provided in the Stock Option Agreement. The options expire on December 31, 2011 unless earlier terminated under the Stock Option Agreement.
  - (3) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Linens Common Stock subject to the option multiplied by (ii) the excess, if any, of \$28.00 over the exercise price per share of Linens Common Stock under such option.  
  
The options vest on December 31, 2003. Options may be exercised in 1/3 increments if, and at such point, over an established period of time measured as set forth in the option, the closing price of Linens Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange is \$31.72, \$36.48, and \$39.08, respectively. 100% of the options become exercisable on October 20, 2010. The options expire on November 20, 2010.
  - (4) The options become exercisable in 1/3 increments if, and at such point, over an established period of time measured as set forth in the option, the closing price of Linens Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange is \$26.50, \$30.50, and \$35.00, respectively. 100% of the stock will automatically vest on August 5, 2009. The options expire on November 5, 2009.
  - (5) Options are exercisable in one-third increments on October 19, 2003, October 19, 2004 and October 19, 2005. Options expire on October 19, 2011.
  - (6) Options are exercisable in 25% increments on October 12, 2001, October 12, 2002, October 12, 2003 and October 12, 2004. Options expire on October 12, 2010.
  - (7) Options are exercisable in one-third increments on November 25, 2002, November 25, 2003 and November 25, 2004. Options expire on November 26, 2009.
  - (8) Options are exercisable in one-third increments on November 24, 2001, November 24, 2002 and November 24, 2003. Options expire on November 25, 2008.

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