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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE (COMMERCION		OMB APPROVAL				
	UNITEL	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES								3235-0287		
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(Print or Type F	Responses)											
HOLLEMAN PAUL D Sy			Symbol	Name and EX ENEF				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction									
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800			(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006					_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)				
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DENVER, O	CO 80203-4518			th/Day/Year)	-			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by M	-	erson		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3.4. SecuritiesTransactionAcquired (A) orCodeDisposed of (D)(Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	05/17/2006			А	2,477 (1)	А	\$0	6,285	D			
Common Stock								2,000	I	By Keough Account		

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships							
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HOLLEMAN PAUL D 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203-4518		Х							
Signatures									
Paul Korus, attorney-in-fact	05/18/200)6							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting	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) The restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments, beginning on May 17, 2007.

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