

MICROSTRATEGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RICKERTSEN CARL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MICROSTRATEGY  
INCORPORATED, 1861  
INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

(Street)

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MICROSTRATEGY INC [MSTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2004

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004		M	5,000	A	\$ 20.69	5,000	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004		M	4,000	A	\$ 7.62	9,000	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	5,941	D	\$ 66.4	3,059 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	1,059	D	\$	2,000	D

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Common Stock						66.41	
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004	S	200	D	\$ 66.42	1,800	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004	S	500	D	\$ 66.45	1,300	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004	S	500	D	\$ 66.5	800	D
Class A Common Stock	12/07/2004	S	800	D	\$ 66.51	0	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.69	12/07/2004		M	5,000	02/08/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2013	Class A Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.62	12/07/2004		M	4,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/07/2012	Class A Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICKERTSEN CARL J C/O MICROSTRATEGY INCORPORATED 1861 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22102	X			

## Signatures

W. Ming Shao, As  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/09/2004

\_\_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).
- Separate open market sale transactions that were executed on December 7, 2004 at the same price have been reported on an aggregate
- (1) basis on a single line in Table I. The order in which sale transactions are set forth in Table I is not necessarily reflective of the sequence in which the sale transactions occurred in fact.
  - (2) The remaining portion of this option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on 02/08/2005 and expires on 02/08/2013.
- Of the 4,000 shares exercised on 12/07/2004 pursuant to this stock option, 2,000 shares vested on 10/07/2003 and 2,000 shares vested on
- (3) 10/07/2004. The remaining portion of this option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on 10/07/2005 and expires on 10/07/2012.

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