

MGP INGREDIENTS 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 *
PICKMAN STEVEN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1300 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 130

(Street)

ATCHISON, KS 66002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MGP INGREDIENTS INC [MGPI]

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

05/15/2006

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)
 Vice President

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	05/15/2006		M	4,050 A \$ 6.75	28,574	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2006		S	4,050 D 24,524	24,524	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options - ISO	\$ 6.75	05/15/2006		M	4,050	<u>(1)</u> 03/05/2008	Common Stock	4,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PICKMAN STEVEN J 1300 MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 130 ATCHISON, KS 66002			Vice President	

Signatures

Steven J. Pickman 05/15/2006

**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) 1,350 shares were exercisable on 3/5/1999; 1,350 on 3/5/2000; and 1,350 on 3/5/2001.

(2) 1,000 shares sold at \$31.15 per share; 1,000 at \$31.18; 500 at \$31.75; 1,000 at \$32.15; and 550 at \$32.39.

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