

FARAHI BEN
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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 *
FARAHI BEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [mcri]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CFO

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RENO, NV 89509

(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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2006 | | S | | 900 | D | \$ 25.1 | 1,073,232 | I | Trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2006 | | S | | 17,000 | D | \$ 24.8846 | 2,729,654 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2006 | | S | | 30,000 | D | \$ 24.1691 | 2,729,654 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2006 | | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ | 2,729,654 | D | |

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Stock 24.4085
 Common Stock 2,729,654 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Option / Right to buy | \$ 11.685 | | | | | (2) 10/21/2014 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Option / Right to buy | \$ 18.06 | | | | | (3) 10/21/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARAHI BEN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 RENO, NV 89509 | X | X | CFO | |

Signatures

Ben Farahi 01/18/2006

**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).

Mr. Ben Farahi owns an additional 1,073,232 shares of shared voting power common stock of Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc.

(1) ("Monarch") listed under the Jila Farahi Trust. Mr. Ben Farahi is a trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust. Jila Farahi is the sister of Mr. Ben Farahi but is not a director, officer or 10% owner of Monarch.

On October 21, 2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as

(2) amended, to purchase 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$11.69 per share. The shares vest as follows: 33,332 shares vested on October 21, 2005; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2006; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2007.

On October 21, 2005, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as

(3) amended, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$18.06 per share. All the options under this award vest on October 21, 2008.

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