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YAEGER DOUGLAS H Symbol			Name and			g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(I t)		DE GRO	_	LGJ		(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 720 OLIVE	(First) (Middle) STREET	Earliest Transaction 1y/Year) 05				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO				
			nendment, Date Original Ionth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
ST. LOUIS,	MO 63101						Person	lore than One Re	eporting	
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Execu any				and (A) or	Î of 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	SecuritiesForm: DirectBeneficially(D) orOwnedIndirect (I)Following(Instr. 4)ReportedInstr. 4		
Common Stock	11/02/2005		Code V A	Amount 15,000 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0		D		
Common Stock							6,564	I	Through 401(k) (2)	
Common Stock							87	I	Shares owned by son	
Common Stock							21	I	Shares owned by spouse	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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				<u> </u>					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
YAEGER DOUGLAS H 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	Х		Chairman, President & CEO					
Signatures								

11/02/2005
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) Award of performance contingent restricted stock under the Company's Equity Plan, with vesting contingent upon performance during performance period ending 9/30/08, but dividend and voting rights granted to the reporting person during the performance period.
- (2) Shares held in Company stock fund of 401(k) plan as reported by trustee as of September 30, 2005.

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