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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Option to buy <u>(1)</u> | \$ 12.68 | 01/24/2006 | | | A | | 75,000 | | 01/24/2006 | 01/24/2016 | Common Stock | 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIVERA RANDOLFO | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/Randolfo
 Rivera 03/08/2006
 **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) Under employee stock option plan

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