CATERPILLAR INC

Form 4

December 16, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **COLGAN KEVIN E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) Treasurer

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/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

Person

PEORIA, IL 61629-5350

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 12/16/2004 G 163 \$0 28,083 (1) D 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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transact	5.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of		9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/ re s l	Month/Day/Year)		g Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COLGAN KEVIN E 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-5350

Treasurer

Signatures

K. E. Colgan; L.J. Huxtable, POA

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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) This amount includes 16,117 shares in 401K.

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