

PERDUE DAVID A  
Form 4  
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**Form 4**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol   | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)   |
| Perdue David A.                          | Dollar General Corporation (DG)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                  | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)  |
| 100 Mission Ridge                        | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br>April 2, 2003  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify title below)  |
| (Street)                                 | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filing (Month/Day/Year)                               | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)   |
| Goodlettsville, TN 37072                 |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                     | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |   |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 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 | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                 |            |  |   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr.<br>4) |
|-----------------|------------|--|---|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 04/02/2003 |  | A | 78,865           | A                                  | 78,865 D                         |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or<br>Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr.<br>8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of<br>Deriva<br>Securit<br>(Instr. 3) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$12.68   | 04/02/2003                           |   | A                                       | 500,000   | (1)  | 04/02/2013  | Common<br>Stock                                   | 500,000                                |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$12.68   | 04/02/2003                           |   | A                                       | 500,000   | (2)  | 04/02/2013  | Common<br>Stock                                   | 500,000                                |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests as to 333,333 shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and as to 166,667 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The option vests as to 166,666 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date and as to 333, 334 shares on the third anniversary of the grant date.

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| ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). | <u>/s/ Susan S. Lanigan</u><br>_____<br>**Signature of Reporting Person | <u>04/04/2003</u><br><br>Date |
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**Attorney-in-Fact**

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