EVERIST THOMAS S

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EVERIST THOMAS S | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| | MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC [MDU] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC., P. O. BOX 5650 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2006 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| (5833) | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| DICMADON ND 50506 5650 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |

BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative Securities Acq | uired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | ially Owned |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | or(A) or Disposed of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially | Form: | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Owned | Direct (D) | Ownership |
| | | | | | Following | or Indirect | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Reported | (I) | |

Person

| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Owned Following | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | (msu. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,825 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | | S | 700 | D | \$ 34.98 | 2,471,100 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.99 | 2,470,900 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | | S | 18,000 | D | \$ 35 | 2,452,900 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | | S | 2,700 | D | \$ 35.01 | 2,450,200 | I | By Corporation |

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| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 12,700 | D | \$ 35.02 | 2,437,500 | I | By Corporation |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 600 | D | \$ 35.03 | 2,436,900 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 35.04 | 2,436,800 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 35.08 | 2,431,800 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 4,900 | D | \$ 35.2 | 2,426,900 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 35.21 | 2,426,800 | I | By Corporation |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2006 | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 35.24 | 2,421,800 | I | By Corporation |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 16,116.533 |
| Stock Option | \$ 14.4167 | | | | | 05/12/2000 | 05/13/2010 | Common Stock | 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.3889 | | | | | 06/03/1998 | 06/04/2008 | Common Stock | 3,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.5417 | | | | | 06/03/1999 | 06/04/2009 | Common Stock | 3,375 |
| | \$ 19.5433 | | | | | 05/16/2002 | 05/16/2012 | | 4,500 |

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 Stock Option
 Common Stock

 Stock Option
 \$ 25.7

 05/17/2001
 05/17/2011
 Common Stock
 4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVERIST THOMAS S MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. P. O. BOX 5650 BISMARCK, ND 58506-5650

Signatures

Debra S. Anderson, Power of Attorney 02/09/2006

**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) Units are to be settled in cash after reporting person's retirement.

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