

KISH JEFF
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KISH JEFF

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STAGE STORES INC [STGS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/08/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

SVP, Chief Information Officer

10201 S. MAIN STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/08/2005		M	12,500 A \$ 16.25	12,500	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2005		S	4,200 (1) D \$ 45	8,300	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2005		S	3,050 (1) D \$ 45.01	5,250	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2005		S	850 (1) D \$ 45.02	4,400	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2005		S	1,800 (1) D \$ 45.03	2,600	D	

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Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	1,600 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.04	1,000	D
Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	400 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.05	600	D
Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.06	500	D
Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.07	400	D
Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	300 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.08	100	D
Common Stock	07/08/2005	S	100 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 45.11	0	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.25	07/08/2005		M	12,500	08/24/2004 08/24/2011	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KISH JEFF 10201 S. MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025			SVP, Chief Information Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey J.
Kish

07/12/2005

__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) This sale was made pursuant to a pre-established, written plan for trading securities pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 adopted by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Includes all derivative securities currently owned by the reporting person, including those previously reported.

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