

WELCH JAMES M
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WELCH JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1855 GATEWAY
BOULEVARD, SUITE 700

(Street)

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/25/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Vice President Intl Ops - CVI

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------|
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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 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 73.4 | 01/25/2005 | 01/25/2005 | M | | | 20,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 01/24/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WELCH JAMES M 1855 GATEWAY BOULEVARD SUITE 700 CONCORD, CA 94520 | | | Vice President Intl Ops - CVI | |

Signatures

James M. Welch 01/27/2005
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$82.21, but not earlier than 7/26/06; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$88.08, but not earlier than 7/26/07; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$95.42, but not earlier than 7/28/08; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$102.76, but not earlier than 7/27/09. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on January 24, 2010.

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