

DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE
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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 *
 Hirsh Steven Andrew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP INC/DE [DFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/04/2006

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

C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	
			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)

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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
Options to purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 52	05/04/2006		A	4,968	05/04/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 05/04/2016	Class A Common Stock	4,968
Options to purchase Class A Common Stock	\$ 52	05/04/2006		A	1,731	08/02/2006 ⁽²⁾ 05/04/2016	Class A Common Stock	1,731

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hirsh Steven Andrew C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			

Signatures

Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven A. Hirsh
05/08/2006

**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) Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on May 4, 2007.
- (2) Options become exercisable in four equal 90-day installments beginning on August 2, 2006.
- (3) Not applicable.

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