AZTAR CORP Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * COLE JOE C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

AZTAR CORP [AZR]

(Check all applicable)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

(0, ,)

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

Director

10% Owner _ Other (specify

11/10/2004

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

Stock

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securit		_	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	ear) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or any Code Disposed of (D)			Securities Beneficially	(D) or	Indirect Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported	(Instr. 1)	(IIISII: 1)
			~		or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Aztar			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,		
Common	11/10/2004		M	5,000	A	\$ 5	21,639	D	
Stock									
Aztar								_	
Common	11/10/2004		M	7,500	Α	\$ 7	29,139	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 5	11/10/2004		M	5,000	12/09/1994	12/09/2006	Aztar Common Stock	5,00
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 7	11/10/2004		M	7,500	05/22/2000	05/22/2007	Aztar Common Stock	7,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COLE JOE C AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016

VP Corporate Communications

Signatures

/s/ Joe C. Cole 11/11/2004

**Signature of 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).

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