

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
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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 *
 SABEL IVAN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2006

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

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Am Underlying Sec |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| PHANTOM STOCK UNITS ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 03/01/2006 | A | 1,023.1826 | 03/01/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | \$.10 Par Value Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SABEL IVAN R
 ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY X
 FORT SMITH, AR 72919

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Ivan R. Sabel 03/03/2006

__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).

These units of phantom stock have been granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are credited to a

(1) deferred share unit account each month, to be paid to the director, or, in the case of his/her death prior to retirement from the Board, his/her beneficiary(ies), in stock, upon his/her retirement from the Board, death or disability.

(2) Each Deferred Share Unit has a value equal to one share of common stock of Beverly.

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