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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

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(Print or Type Responses)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Person Deporting			
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7. Nature o			
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Ownership			
(Instr. 4)			

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.5					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.31					06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.24					06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,50
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0					06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	850
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0					06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,70
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0					06/30/2006(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	2,55

Reporting Owners

Ron Kirk

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KIRK RONALD 3700 TRAMMELL CROW CENTER 2001 ROSS AVENUE DALLAS, TX 75201	X					
Signatures						

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Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 1997 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan in payment of fees owed for services as (1) an independent director. All such shares are subject to a three-year vesting period, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued.
- (2) The options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (3) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the DSU Award Agreement. The DSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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