

AVATAR HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SPEARS WILLIAM G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AVATAR HOLDINGS INC  
 [AVTR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SPEARS, GRISANTI &  
 BROWN, 45 ROCKEFELLER  
 PLAZA, 31709**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/24/2006**

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10111**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/24/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		400	A	\$ 57.89
							20,000
							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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/24/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	400	05/24/2006 05/24/2006	Common Stock	400
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/25/2006		A	260	05/25/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/25/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	260

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPEARS WILLIAM G SPEARS, GRISANTI & BROWN 45 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 31709 NEW YORK, NY 10111	X			

## Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, attorney-in-fact for William G. Spears  
Date: 05/26/2006

\_\_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) Settlement of Restricted Stock Units upon vesting.
- (2) The units convert to Common Stock of the issuer on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) The zero ("0") in this column is a "dummy" amount, solely for the purpose of permitting the use of a descriptive footnote stating that the price is not applicable.
- (4) The units granted to the Reporting Person vest in full on the earlier of May 25, 2007 or the day immediately preceding the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, provided that the Reporting Person is a member of the Issuer's board of directors on such date.

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