#### HANSELMAN RICHARD W

Form 4 May 31, 2005

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* HANSELMAN RICHARD W

(First) (Middle)

430 AIRPORT ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/27/2005

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

X\_ Director

Officer (give title

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

**GREENEVILLE, TN 37745** 

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Symbol

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

4. Securities

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Owned

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. l **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				(D)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.87	05/27/2005	A		7,500		<u>(1)</u>	05/27/2015	Common Stock	7,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HANSELMAN RICHARD W 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745	X						

# **Signatures**

By: /s/ Lera Doherty, Attorney-in-Fact

05/31/2005

\*\*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) This is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/27/06.

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