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	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								
to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction	L STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BEI OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES	CATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES							
See instruction1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,Form 3 HoldingsSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or SectionReported30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940TransactionsReported									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Pers EINSTEIN JAMES L	on [*] 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROCK TENN CO [RKT]	5. Relationship of I Issuer	1 0	n(s) to					
(Last) (First) (Midd	le) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004	Director X Officer (give below)	title 00% C	Owner (specify					
504 THRASHER STREET		/	E VICE PRESIE	ENT					
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joi		ting					
		(check	applicable line)						
NORCROSS, GA 30071									

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(City)	(State) (A	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	curitie	s Acqui	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount	l (A) of l of (D 4 and (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	01/19/2004	Â	G	700	D	\$ <u>(2)</u>	51,894	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	53,112 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

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)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Of So Bo En Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
EINSTEIN JAMES L 504 THRASHER STREET NORCROSS, GA 30071	Â	Â	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â		
Signatures						

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Robert B. 11/15/2004 **McIntosh**

**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) Includes 1,218 shares acquired under the RKT employee stock purchase plan in fiscal 2004.

(2) Gift

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