

Wisnefsky Eric C
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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 *
 Wisnefsky Eric C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CROMPTON CORP [CK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 199 BENSON ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Corp. Finance & Treasurer

MIDDLEBURY, CT 06749

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 02/23/2005 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 124.46 | A | \$ 0 | 3,569 | I | ESOP Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,500 | I | Restricted Stock Account |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | J ⁽²⁾ | | 89.5141 | A | \$ 0 | 89.5141 | I | ESPP |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | J ⁽³⁾ | | 6,500 | A | \$ 12.92 | 6,500 | I | Restricted Stock Account I |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.85 | | | | | 11/24/2004 | 11/19/2013 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.25 | | | | | 11/24/2004 | 11/21/2012 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.92 | | | | | 11/24/2004 | 11/22/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.24 | | | | | 11/23/2005 | 12/22/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| NQ Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.92 | 02/23/2005 | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | 20,000 | 02/23/2006 | 03/22/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| ISO Stock Option | \$ 8.1562 | | | | | 11/24/2004 | 10/31/2010 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

(Right to Buy)

ISO

Stock

Option \$ 8.3437

(Right to Buy)

Buy)

11/24/2004 10/19/2009 Common Stock 167

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wisnefsky Eric C 199 BENSON ROAD MIDDLEBURY, CT 06749 | | | VP Corp. Finance & Treasurer | |

Signatures

Eric C. 02/24/2005
Wisnefsky

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) These shares were acquired during the fiscal year pursuant to the Registrant's Employee Stock Ownership Plan and through reinvestment of dividends paid on the shares in this fund (ESOP Trust).
- (2) Opening balance in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP).
Restricted Shares acquired pursuant to the 2005-2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan will vest upon a share of the Registrant's common stock reaching the following stock price milestones: twenty (20%) percent of grant upon closing price of a share attaining \$14.00; twenty (20%) percent of grant upon closing price of a share attaining \$16.75; twenty (20%) percent of grant upon closing price of a share attaining \$19.88; and forty (40%) of grant upon closing price of share attaining \$23.60. Shares will vest as stated above when a particular milestone is reached and maintained for ten (10) consecutive trading days, based on the closing price of a share of the Registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.
- (4) Options will vest as follows: one-third (1/3) of grant on February 23, 2006; one-third (1/3) of grant on February 23, 2007; and one-third of grant on February 23, 2008.

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