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1. Name and A HAWKINS	Address of Reporting PHILIP L		Symbol	r Name an MERIC				6	5. Relationship of Issuer (Check	Reporting Pers	
(Last) 1850 K STF	(First) (1 REET, NW, SUIT		3. Date of (Month/D 05/13/2	-	Trai	nsaction			X Director X Officer (give below) Presi		Owner or (specify
WASHING	(Street) TON, DC 20006			endment, E nth/Day/Ye		e Original			6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	ne Reporting Per	rson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-	-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8) Code V	tion((4. Securită (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	05/13/2005			М	4	20,000	А	\$ 29.25	110,003 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005			М	4	20,000	A	\$ 29.75	110,003 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005			S	4	29,146	D	\$ 34.5	110,003 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005			S		348	D	\$ 34.51	110,003 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005			S	4	278	D	\$ 34.52	110,003 (1)	D	

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Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	835	D	\$ 34.53	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	174	D	\$ 34.54	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	417	D	\$ 34.55	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	174	D	\$ 34.56	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	383	D	\$ 34.57	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	348	D	\$ 34.59	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	522	D	\$ 34.6	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	417	D	\$ 34.61	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	278	D	\$ 34.62	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,287	D	\$ 34.63	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	1,565	D	\$ 34.64	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	383	D	\$ 34.65	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	278	D	\$ 34.66	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	765	D	\$ 34.67	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	661	D	\$ 34.68	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	278	D	\$ 34.69	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	244	D	\$ 34.7	110,003 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	278	D	\$ 34.71	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	71	D	\$ 34.73	110,003 (1)	D
Common Stock	05/13/2005	S	800	D	\$ 34.74	110,003 (1)	D
	05/13/2005	S	70	D		110,003 (1)	D

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Common Stock \$ 34.76

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. 5. Number of Transactio-Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 29.25	05/13/2005		М	20,000	02/06/2002	02/06/2007	Common	20,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.75	05/13/2005		М	20,000	01/21/2003	01/21/2008	Common	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HAWKINS PHILIP L 1850 K STREET, NW, SUITE 500 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	Х		President & COO					
Signatures								
Ann Marie Pulsch as Power of Attorney		05/17/2005						
**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) Includes 32,898 common shares, and 39507 restricted stock shares and 37598 restricted stock units which automatically convert to common shares on a scheduled basis.

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