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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEMERITT STEPHEN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

GENERAL MILLS, NUMBER ONE 01/18/2005

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

GENERAL MILLS BLVD.

Vice Chairman

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ction Date 2A. Deemed 3.			ies Ac ed of (4 and 5		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(
COMMON STOCK	01/18/2005		M	5,812	A	\$ 27.78	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/18/2005		M	36,200	A	\$ 30.065	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/18/2005		F	4,409	D	\$ 51.125	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/18/2005		F	27,895	D	\$ 51.125	174,006	D	
COMMON STOCK							8,832	I	(See Footnote)

COMMON STOCK 1,840 I Footnote)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar	
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 30.065	01/18/2005		M	36,20	0 09/30/1996	5 10/30/2006	COMMON STOCK	36,20	
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 27.78	01/18/2005		M	5,812	2 11/01/2000	01/11/2006	COMMON STOCK	5,812	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DEMERITT STEPHEN R						

GENERAL MILLS
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

X Vice Chairman

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of STEPHEN
DEMERITT

01/19/2005

Date

**Signature of 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) By spouse. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.

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- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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