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FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) (1	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)					4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 4/25/03		X Director			
Los Gatos, CA 950						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zi	p)	Table I Non-Derivative					Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
	2. Trans- action	2A. Deemed Execution Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Ac (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		ired	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-		6. Owner- ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	Year)	(Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
COMMON SHARES									12,000	D	

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

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivati	ve 2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	
Security	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	of Underlying	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	
	Exercise	action	Execution	action	of	Date	Securities	Security	Securities	ship	
(Instr. 3)	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	Derivati	(M onth/Day/	(Instr. 3 & 4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	
	Derivative		if any		Securitie	¥ear)			Owned	of Deriv-	
	Security	(Month/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquire	di .			Following	ative	
		Day/	Day/	8)	(A) or				Reported	Security:	
		Year)	Year)		Dispose	d			Transaction(s)	Direct	
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				(Ins	(D) nstr. 4 &							(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V (A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS(1)	1 FOR 1	4/25/03	A	350	0	(1)		COMMON SHARES	350		8,634	D
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) ⁽²⁾	\$35.78					(2)	_	COMMON SHARES	5,500		5,500) D
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS(3)	1 FOR 1					(3)	_	COMMON SHARES	4,859.002		4,859.002	2 D
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)(4)	\$42.12					(4)		COMMON SHARES	4,800		4,800) D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN"). SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.

(2) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. OPTION GRANTED UNDER THE PLAN, EXERCISEABLE ON JANUARY 25, 2003 (1,834 SHARES), JANUARY 25, 2004 (1,833 SHARES) AND JANUARY 25, 2005 (1,833 SHARES).

(3) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR'S FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.

(4) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. OPTION GRANTED UNDER THE PLAN, EXERCISEABLE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2004 (1,600 SHARES), FEBRUARY 28, 2005 (1,600 SHARES) AND FEBRUARY 28, 2006 (1,600 SHARES).

By: /s/ JACK D. KUEHLER, BY PAIGE L. FALASCO, ATTORNEY IN FACT

APRIL 28, 2003 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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