

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
THEOLOGIDES STERGIOS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP [NEW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/31/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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IRVINE,, CA 92612

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | M | 375 | A \$ 6.63 | 34,043 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | M | 750 | A \$ 19.83 | 34,793 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | M | 375 | A \$ 26.97 | 35,168 | D |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.63 | 03/31/2006 | | M | 375 | ⁽¹⁾ 09/19/2011 | Common Stock | 375 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.83 | 03/31/2006 | | M | 750 | ⁽³⁾ 03/24/2013 | Common Stock | 750 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.97 | 03/31/2006 | | M | 375 | ⁽⁴⁾ 05/21/2013 | Common Stock | 375 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THEOLOGIDES STERGIOS 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612 | | | EVP - Corporate Affairs | |

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett
(Attorney-in-fact) 04/04/2006

__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) This stock option grant vested 20% on September 19, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on March 31, 2006 vested on March 31, 2006.

(2) This column is not applicable.

(3) This stock option grant vested 20% on March 24, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on March 31, 2006 vested on March 31, 2006.

(4) This stock option grant vested 20% on May 21, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on March 31, 2006 vested on March 31, 2006.

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