

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO
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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 *
 PETERSON BRIAN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4666 FARIES PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62526
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 12/21/2004 | | M | | 2,050 | A | \$ 13.6871 |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2004 | | M | | 11,944 | A | \$ 9.0703 |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2004 | | M | | 3 | A | \$ 12.5333 |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2004 | | F | | 6,271 | D | \$ 21.75 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 29,738.93 | (1) I | |

Employee Benefit Plan

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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 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.6871 | 12/21/2004 | | M | 2,050 | ⁽²⁾ 04/17/2007 | Common Stock 2,050 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.0703 | 12/21/2004 | | M | 11,944 | ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2010 | Common Stock 11,944 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.5333 | 12/21/2004 | | M | 3 | ⁽⁴⁾ 08/02/2006 | Common Stock 3 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETERSON BRIAN F 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian F. Peterson
12/22/2004

__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) Between November 18, 2004 and December 21, 2004, the reporting person acquired 101.47 shares of ADM common stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 21, 2004.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on April 17, 1998.
- (3) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches are exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.
- (4) The options becomes exercisable in 25% increments annually commencing on August 2, 2002.

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