#### RUPRECHT WILLIAM F

Form 4

February 09, 2005

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

RUPRECHT WILLIAM F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC

[BID]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2005

38500 WOODWARD **AVENUE, SUITE 100** 

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

(A)

or

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

CEO & President

10% Owner

Other (specify

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

\_X\_\_ Director

X\_ Officer (give title

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304** 

(State)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Owned

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative Conversion

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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| Security (Instr. 3)        | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4)                             |                                  | ; ( |
|----------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----|
|                            |   |            |                         | Code V          | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |     |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock | <u>(1)</u>  | 02/07/2005 |                         | A(2)            | 115,000   | (3)                 | (3)                | Class A<br>Ltd.<br>Voting<br>Common<br>Stock | 115,000                          |     |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| •   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |  |  |  |
| RUPRECHT WILLIAM F<br>38500 WOODWARD AVENUE<br>SUITE 100<br>BLOOMFIELD HILLS MI 48304 | X             |           | CEO & President |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ William F.
Ruprecht

\*\*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) Class B Common Stock shares are freely convertible on a 1-for-1 basis into shares of Class A Limited Voting Common Stock.
- (2) Pursuant to Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. 2003 Restricted Stock Plan
- (3) Not Applicable

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