INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mergenthaler Frank

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. [IPG]

(Check all applicable)

Exec. VP & CFO

1114 AVENUE OF THE

(First)

(Street)

(State)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

AMERICAS, 19TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

08/01/2005

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported (Instr. 4)

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

(A) or Code V Amount Price (D)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

08/01/2005

50,433 A 12.39

50,433 (1)

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)

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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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) on 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.39	08/01/2005		A	201,775	<u>(2)</u>	08/01/2015	Common Stock	201,775

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mergenthaler Frank 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 19TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

Exec. VP & CFO

Signatures

/s/Marjorie M. Hoey POA for Frank 08/03/2005 Mergenthaler

> **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) Shares will be fully vested 3 years from date of grant on 08/01/2008.

The option vests as follows: (i) 33% of the total number of shares underlying the options vests on August 1, 2007; (ii) 33% of the total (2) number of shares underlying the options vests on August 1, 2008 and (iii) 34% of the total number of shares underlying the options vests

on August 1, 2009.

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