MAYELL MICHAEL J

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Form 5

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
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					Disposed						
					of (D)						
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					4, and 5)						
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F-G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
MAYELL MICHAEL J 4600 POST OAK PLACE SUITE 306 HOUSTON, TX 77027	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Acqusition under Company 401(k) plan at varying prices throughout the year.

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