

FLANAGAN PATRICK J  
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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 \*  
FLANAGAN PATRICK J

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)  
12/27/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/27/2005		D		15,628 (1) \$ 0 (1)	D	358,396
Common Stock	12/27/2005		D		5,938 (2) \$ 0 (2)	D	352,458

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.27	12/27/2005		D	39,568 (4)	(3) 03/10/2015	Common Stock	39,568

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLANAGAN PATRICK J 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Jennifer Jewett  
(Attorney-in-fact) 12/29/2005  
 \*\*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) Represents a restricted stock award by New Century Financial Corporation to the reporting person on March 10, 2005. The restricted stock award was cancelled pursuant to an amended and restated employment agreement entered into by the reporting person and New Century Financial Corporation on December 27, 2005.
- (2) Represents a restricted stock award by New Century Financial Corporation to the reporting person on June 24, 2005. The restricted stock award was cancelled pursuant to an amended and restated employment agreement entered into by the reporting person and New Century Financial Corporation on December 27, 2005.
- (3) The option become exercisable on March 10, 2010, the fifth anniversary of the grant date, subject to acceleration upon the achievement of certain performance measures.
- (4) Represents a stock option award by New Century Financial Corporation to the reporting person on March 10, 2005. The stock option award was cancelled pursuant to an amended and restated employment agreement entered into by the reporting person and New Century Financial Corporation on December 27, 2005.

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