

Waters James D Jr
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Waters James D Jr		(Month/Day/Year)	CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/01/2005	
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
PEORIA, IL 61629		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Vice President	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	13,172 ⁽⁵⁾	D	∆

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2007	Common	3,868	\$ 25.8281	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2007	Common	8,732	\$ 25.8281	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	06/09/2008	Common	3,590	\$ 27.8438	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	06/09/2008	Common	9,010	\$ 27.8438	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2009	Common	3,208	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2009	Common	11,632	\$ 31.1719	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/12/2000 ⁽²⁾	06/12/2010	Common	5,202	\$ 19.2032	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/12/2001 ⁽²⁾	06/12/2011	Common	18,600	\$ 26.765	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/11/2002 ⁽²⁾	06/11/2012	Common	19,700	\$ 25.3575	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/2003 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2013	Common	19,140	\$ 27.1425	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/2004 ⁽³⁾	06/08/2014	Common	19,140	\$ 38.6275	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	02/18/2005 ⁽⁴⁾	02/18/2015	Common	11,600	\$ 45.6425	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	Â ⁽⁶⁾	Â ⁽⁶⁾	Common	13,127	\$ ⁽⁷⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Waters James D Jr 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

James D. Waters; L.J.
Huxtable, POA

12/02/2005

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Stock option (right to buy) granted under company's 1996 Stock Option Plan.

(2) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

(3) The option became exercisable December 31, 2004.

(4) The option became exercisable immediately.

(5) This amount includes 11,306 shares in 401K and 16 shares in dividend reinvestment.

(6) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

(7) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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