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

#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Alexander Susan		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC [BID]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/03/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
38500 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 100				(Check all applicable)			01/04/2005	
BLOOMFIEL HILLS, MIÂ				Director 10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) EVP & WW Head of HR			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	y		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	1	
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		ersion Ownership Benefi ercise Form of Owner	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)		Price of Derivative		(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	J	

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						(Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy $(1)$	(2)	10/30/2007	Class B Common Stock	50,000	\$ 18.6875	D	Â
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy (1)	( <u>3)</u>	02/24/2010	Class B Common Stock	67,500	\$ 18.875	D	Â
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy (1)	(4)	09/28/2011	Class B Common Stock	50,000	\$ 11.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy (1)	01/30/2003	01/30/2007	Class B Common Stock	30,000	\$ 13.69	D	Â
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy (1)	(5)	08/05/2013	Class B Common Stock	40,000	\$ 8.65	D	Â
Class B Common Stock	( <u>6)</u>	( <u>6)</u>	Class A Ltd. Voting Common Stock	20,171	\$ <u>(6)</u>	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Alexander Susan 38500 WOODWARD AVENUE SUITE 100 BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304	Â	Â	EVP & WW Head of HR	Â		

# Signatures

/s/ Susan Alexander	01/05/2005			
<u>**</u> 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) Granted under the Issuer's 1997 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) 10,000 options vested on each of 10/30/98, 10/30/99, 10/30/00, 10/30/01 and 10/30/02.
- (3) 13,500 options vested or will vest on each of 2/24/01, 2/24/02, 2/24/03, 2/24/04 and 2/24/05.
- (4) 10,000 options have vested or will vest on each of the following dates: 9/28/02, 9/28/03, 9/28/04, 9/28/05 and 9/28/06.

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(5) 10,000 options have or will vest on each of 8/5/04, 8/5/05, 8/5/06 and 8/5/07.

Restricted Stock awarded under the Issuer's 2003 Restricted Stock Plan in connection with an exchange offer by the Issuer for certain options owned by the Reporting Person. The award vests in four annual installments: 5,043 shares on each of 3/31/05, 3/31/06, 3/31/07

(6) and 5,042 shares on 3/31/08, subject to certain exceptions. After vesting, Class B Common Stock is freely convertible into the Issuer's Class A Limited Voting Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.

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#### **Remarks:**

### The Reporting Person is filing this amendment to correct the vesting date in footnote 6 below wit

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