

BAILEY GEORGE
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
BAILEY GEORGE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC
[BID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
38500 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)
Manging Director, Soth. Euro

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 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) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Ltd. Voting Common Stock | 05/16/2005 | | S | 100 | D \$ 14.51 | 15,454 ⁽¹⁾ | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Ltd. Voting Common Stock | 05/16/2005 | | S | 900 | D \$ 14.5 | 14,554 ⁽¹⁾ | D ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

