

SEITEL INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
VA PARTNERS LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SEITEL INC [SELA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock par value \$.01 per share | 01/13/2005                           |  | P                              | 82,500 A \$ 1.25  | 21,676,563  | I  | See Footnotes (1) (2)             |

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)**

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| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VA PARTNERS LLC<br>435 PACIFIC AVENUE<br>FOURTH FLOOR<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133 |               | X         |         |       |
| UBBEN JEFFREY W<br>435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133   |               | X         |         |       |
| KAMIN PETER H<br>TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE, 25TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02110         |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| VALUEACT CAPITAL MASTER FUND, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER, By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member           | 01/18/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS CO-INVESTORS, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER, By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member | 01/18/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member   | 01/18/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben   | 01/18/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.   | 01/18/2005 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin   | 01/18/2005 |

## 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) As General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.  
These securities are also beneficially owned by Jeffrey W. Ubben, George F. Hamel, Jr., and Peter H. Kamin as Managing Members, Principal Owners and Controlling Persons of VA Partners, LLC, the General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and
- (2) ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

### Remarks:

#### Joint Filer Information

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.  
Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133  
Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.  
Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)  
Date of Event Requiring Statement: January 13, 2005

Name: ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.  
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