

WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD
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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 *
 NICHOLSON JON R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD [WFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 515 POST OAK. BLVD., STE. 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/31/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP Human Resources

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value	09/01/2005		M	100,000 A	\$ 36.75 133,150	D	
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value	09/01/2005		S	100,000 D	\$ 68 33,150	D	
Common Shares, \$1.00 par value					1,222	I	By 401(k)

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	08/31/2005		A	34	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	34
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	08/31/2005		A	68	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	68
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.75	09/01/2005		M	100,000	07/05/2003	07/04/2013	Common Shares	100,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.77					09/26/2005	09/25/2015	Common Shares	100,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.15					12/18/2006	12/17/2016	Common Shares	32,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICHOLSON JON R 515 POST OAK. BLVD., STE. 600 HOUSTON, TX 77027			Sr VP Human Resources	

Signatures

Burt M. Martin, by Power of
Attorney

09/02/2005

__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) The phantom stock units convert to common shares on a one-for-one basis.

(2) All phantom stock units credited under the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") with respect to deferrals by a participant are 100% vested at all times. All units credited under the Plan with respect to the Company's 7.5% allocation and matching allocation vest at 20% per year for each year of service. Distributions under the Plan are made upon termination of employment, retirement or death of the participant.

(3) Transaction is an option exercise and therefore has no price.

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