WESTERN DONALD G

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WESTERN DONALD G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()		
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group			
PEORIA, IL 6	51629-3485		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) ansaction Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common	01/21/2005		M	1,934	A	\$ 51.6562	36,307	D	
Common	01/21/2005		F	1,111	D	\$ 89.86	35,196	D	
Common	01/21/2005		M	1,795	A	\$ 55.6875	36,991	D	
Common	01/21/2005		F	1,112	D	\$ 89.86	35,879	D	
Common	01/21/2005		M	1,604	A	\$ 62.3438	37,483	D	
Common	01/21/2005		F	1,112	D	\$ 89.86	36,371	D	
Common	01/21/2005		M	2,601	A		38,972	D	

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38.4063 Common 01/21/2005 F 1,111 D \$ 89.86 37,861 (1) D Common 8,449

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 51.6562	01/21/2005		M	1,934	<u>(4)</u>	06/10/2007	Common	1,934
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 55.6875	01/21/2005		M	1,795	<u>(4)</u>	06/09/2008	Common	1,795
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 62.3438	01/21/2005		M	1,604	<u>(4)</u>	06/08/2009	Common	1,604
Employee Stock Option (3)	\$ 38.4063	01/21/2005		M	2,601	<u>(4)</u>	06/12/2010	Common	2,601

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer 10% Owner Other Director

> > Vice President

Reporting Owners 2 WESTERN DONALD G 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629-3485

Signatures

Donald G. Western; L.J. Huxtable, POA

01/24/2005

**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) This amount includes 265 shares in 401K and 3359 shares in SEIP. (1470 shares were distributed from 401K plan and 10,833 shares were rolled over to an IRA from the 401K plan 12/16/04.)
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) (Right to buy) with tandem tax withholding rights
- (4) Exercisable in thirds 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

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