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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SABEL IVAN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

[BEV]

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2005

(Check all applicable) X_ Director

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5))	(Instr. 3 and 4	4)
				Code V	/ (A) (D	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	(2)	09/01/2005		A	1,050	09/01/2005(1)	<u>(1)</u>	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	1,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SABEL IVAN R						
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY	X					

Signatures

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: Ivan R. 09/02/2005 Sabel

> **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).
- These units of phantom stock have been granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are credited to a
- (1) deferred share unit account each month, to be paid to the director, or, in the case of his/her death prior to retirement from the Board, his/her beneficiary(ies), in stock, upon his/her retirement from the Board, death or disability.
- (2) Each Deferred Share Unit has a value equal to one share of common stock of Beverly.

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