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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BAHAJ ALI M** Issuer Symbol CATERPILLAR INC [CAT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET 12/31/2004 below) below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PEORIA, IL 61629-3305 Person (State) (Zip)

(City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 16,835 (1) D Common

Owned by Common 195 Ι Wife (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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Security Acquired	
(A) or	
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of (D)	
(Instr. 3,	
4, and 5)	
Amount	
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Date Expiration Title Number	
Exercisable Date of	
Code V (A) (D) Shares	
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Phantom	
Stock $\$ 0 \frac{(3)}{2}$ 12/31/2004 A 21 $\frac{(4)}{2}$ Common 21	\$0
Units	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAHAJ ALI M

100 N.E. ADAMS STREET Vice President

PEORIA, IL 61629-3305

Signatures

Ali M. Bahaj; L.J. Huxtable,

POA 01/04/2005

**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 8997 shares in EIP-1 and 144 shares in SEIP.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) The reported phantom stock units were acquired under Caterpillar Inc.'s deferred employee investment plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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