MINICK RUSSELL S

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

January 31, 2005

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.

[GNRC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

02/24/2012

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) **Executive Vice President**

C/O GENERAC HOLDINGS INC., P.O. BOX 8

> (Street) 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

WAUKESHA, WI 53189

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2012		A	4,872 (1)	` /	\$ 0	17,467	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2012		A	14,616 (2)	A	\$ 0	32,083	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.94	02/24/2012		A	21,731	<u>(3)</u>	02/24/2022	Common Stock	21,731

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
reporting owner runner runners	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINICK RUSSELL S
C/O GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.
P.O. BOX 8
WAUKESHA, WI 53189

Executive
Vice
President

Signatures

/s/York Ragen, Attorney-in-fact 02/28/2012

**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) Subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date, the Restricted Shares shall all vest in equal installments on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Date of Grant.
 - Subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date (i) fifty (50) percent of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the fourth (4th) anniversary of the Date of Grant and (ii) fifty (50) percent of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the
- (2) Date of Grant. However, subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date, if, within the three (3) year period following the Date of Grant, certain performance metrics are attained, all of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the third (3rd) anniversary of the Date of Grant.

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(3) Options shall vest in equal installments on each of the first four (4) anniversaries of the Date of Grant.

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