BEARD JAMES S

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Common

02/01/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BEARD JAMES S			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	(Franco)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
2120 WEST END AVENUE			02/01/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
NASHVILLE, TN 37203-0001				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			(D)	Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (Following or Indir Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial O) Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
Common	02/01/2005		Code V M	Amount 17,962	(D)	Price \$ 32.9062	60,193	D	
Common	02/01/2005		M	21,399	A	\$ 38.4063	81,592	D	
Common	02/01/2005		M	17,684	A	\$ 30.1562	99,276	D	
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57,045 D

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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 or 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 (2)	\$ 32.9062	02/01/2005		M	17,962	(3)	06/11/2006	Common	17,962
Employee Stock Option (2)	\$ 38.4063	02/01/2005		M	21,399	(3)	06/12/2010	Common	21,399
Employee Stock Option (2)	\$ 30.1562	02/01/2005		M	17,684	(3)	06/06/2005	Common	17,684

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BEARD JAMES S

2120 WEST END AVENUE Vice President

NASHVILLE, TN 37203-0001

Signatures

J. S. Beard; L. J. Huxtable, POA 02/02/2005

**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) This amount includes 22,572 shares in 401K and 2566 shares in SEIP.
- (2) (Right to Buy) with tandem tax withholding rights.

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(3) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

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