PALMER GERALD

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PALMER GERALD			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 348			(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2005				(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President			
AURORA,	(Street) IL 60507			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	Č		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	•	erson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Exect	beemed ation Date, if th/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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				Code v	rimount	(b) Thee	28,275 (1)	D			
Common							15,481	I	Owned by Wife (2)		
Reminder: Rep	ort on a separate li	ne for each	class of secur	rities benefi	cially owne	ed 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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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. Transacti 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 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (NQ) $\underline{^{(3)}}$	\$ 91.285	02/18/2005		J(4)	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/18/2015	Common	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

PALMER GERALD P. O. BOX 348 AURORA, IL 60507

Vice President

Signatures

G. Palmer; L.J. Huxtable, POA

**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 2290 shares in SEIP.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) This option was granted with attached tax withholding rights.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy 30,000 shares of common stock under the company's 1996 Stock Option Plan in transaction exempt under old Rule 16B-3. The option becomes exercisable immediately.

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