

GALES THOMAS A
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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 *
GALES THOMAS A

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)
701 WATERFORD WAY, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/23/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

(Street)
MIAMI, FL 33126

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)			
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common	11/23/2004		M		2,601	A	\$ 38.4063	18,849	D	
Common	11/23/2004		F		1,099	D	\$ 90.88	17,750 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common								10,948	I	Owned by 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)**

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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 38.4063	11/23/2004		M	2,601	⁽⁴⁾ 06/12/2010	Common	2,601

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALES THOMAS A 701 WATERFORD WAY, SUITE 200 MIAMI, FL 33126			Vice President	

Signatures

T. A. Gales; L.J. Huxtable, POA 11/24/2004

__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 5843 shares in 401K, 22 shares in SEIP and 1432 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) (Right to buy) with tandem tax withholding rights.
- (4) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

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