

ERDAHL STEVEN L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ERDAHL STEVEN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1101 THIRD ST SOUTH
 (Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALSPAR CORP [VAL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
common stock	01/03/2005		M	18,450 A \$ 17.25	77,114	D	
common stock	01/03/2005		S	18,450 D \$ 48.9539	58,664	D	
common stock	01/03/2005		F	825 D \$ 49.16	57,839	D	
common stock					21,423	I	by spouse
common stock					3,046	I	trust fbo son

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common stock 452 I 401(k) ⁽¹⁾

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25	01/03/2005		M	18,450	01/05/1996 01/05/2005	common stock 18,450

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ERDAHL STEVEN L 1101 THIRD ST SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415			Executive VP	

Signatures

/s/Linda Colman, by Power of Attorney 01/05/2005
 **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) vested shares in Valspar ESOP 401(k) plan as of allocation date 10/29/04

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