SMART & FINAL INC/DE

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response...

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WATSON STEPHEN E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Symbol

SMART & FINAL INC/DE [SMF]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

05/20/2005

below) below)
Director

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Indi

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

COMMERCE, CA 90040

600 CITADEL DRIVE

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount

5. Amount of 6. O Securities Forn Beneficially (D) Owned Indi Following (Ins

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock, par value \$.01 per share

05/20/2005

A 1,839 A \$0 1,839

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	Scionof Sci B) A (A D (I (I	Number f Derivative ecurities acquired A) or Disposed of D) (nstr. 3, 4, and 5)				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 Options	\$ 13.47						05/18/2006(1)	05/18/2014	Common	22,500	
Stock Options	\$ 10.87	05/20/2005		A	4	1,000	05/20/2007(2)	05/20/2015	Common	4,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WATSON STEPHEN E 600 CITADEL DRIVE COMMERCE, CA 90040	X			Director			

Signatures

Stephen E.
Watson

**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) Peviously reported options. 1/3 of the options will become exercisable on May 18 in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of options in the Company's Non-Employee Director Stock Plan. 1/3 of the options will become exercisable on May 20 in each of 2007, 2008 and 2009

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