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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD JEFFREY T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

INTER TEL INC [INTL]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED, 1615 SOUTH 02/22/2007

below) Sr. VP & CTO

52ND STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

TEMPE, AZ 85281

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Conversion

7. Title and Amount

Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securitie (Instr. 8) Acquired or Dispo (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)			/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	7 (A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Performance shares	\$ 0	02/22/2007		A	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 23.86	02/22/2007		A	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	02/17/2017	Common Stock	10,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORD JEFFREY T C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED 1615 SOUTH 52ND STREET TEMPE, AZ 85281

Sr. VP & CTO

Signatures

Kurt R. Kneip, 02/26/2007 CFO

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Subject to performance-based vesting: 1/2 on 04/30/2009 1/2 on 04/30/2010
- (2) 1/4th on 02/22/2008 1/4th on 02/22/2009 1/4th on 02/22/2010 1/4th on 02/22/2011

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