

KELFER GERALD D  
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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 \*  
 KELFER GERALD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC  
 [AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 AVATAR HOLDINGS INC., 201  
 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/22/2005

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	12/22/2005		A	120,000 A \$ 55.02	123,113	D	
COMMON STOCK	12/22/2005		F	30,000 D 0.00	2,000	I	By Children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/22/2005		C	100,000	12/22/2005	12/31/2005	COMMON STOCK
Performance Conditioned Restrictive Stock Units	(2)	12/22/2005		C	V 50,000	12/22/2005	12/31/2005	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELFER GERALD D AVATAR HOLDINGS INC. 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

Gerald D. Kelfer                      12/23/2005  
 \_\_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) Represents 30,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld by Issuer as partial payment of Reporting Person's tax liability upon the vesting of 150,000 restricted stock units at a price of \$55.02 per share.
- (2) 1-for-1

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