BENSON THOMAS J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BENSON THOMAS J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HELEN OF TROY LTD [HELE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

1 HELEN OF TROY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/25/2005

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

below) below) Senior Vice President & CFO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

EL PASO, TX 79912

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I)

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities Security or Exercise any (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8

Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18	11/25/2005		A		7,500		<u>(1)</u>	11/25/2015	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BENSON THOMAS J 1 HELEN OF TROY EL PASO, TX 79912

Senior Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Vincent D. Carson as Attorney-In-Fact for Thomas J. Benson

12/02/2005

**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) The options vest over five years in increments of 10%, 15%, 20%, 25% and 30%.

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