

COOPER INDUSTRIES LTD
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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 *
HELZ TERRANCE V

(Last) (First) (Middle)
600 TRAVIS, SUITE 5800
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COOPER INDUSTRIES LTD [CBE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2005

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)
Assoc. General Counsel & Sec.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A common shares					1,713 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k) Plan Trustee
Class A Common shares	03/22/2005		M	5,000 A	\$ 37.31 17,282	D	
Class A Common shares	03/22/2005		S	5,000 D	\$ 71.35 12,282	D	

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)
Employee Stock Option	\$ 37.31	03/22/2005		M	5,000	02/11/2004 ⁽²⁾ 02/11/2008	Class A common shares 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELZ TERRANCE V 600 TRAVIS, SUITE 5800 HOUSTON, TX 77002			Assoc. General Counsel & Sec.	

Signatures

Terrance V. Helz
03/23/2005
**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) Includes 35 shares acquired between February 8, 2005 and March 22, 2005 under the Company's Savings and Stock Ownership Plan.
- (2) Option granted under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan; exercisable to the extent of one-third on or after February 11, 2004; two-thirds on or after February 11, 2005; and in full on or after February 11, 2006.

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