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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DOWLAN JAMES R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTCORP /CA/ [WES]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) 23 PASTEU	, ,	(Middle)		Earliest Tra				_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify
IRVINE, CA	4. If Amendment, Date Original 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				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/21/2004			M	1,500	A	\$ 18.3	5,462	D	
Common	12/21/2004			M	1,000	A	\$ 18.78	6,462	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share
Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 18.3	12/21/2004		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2009	Common Stock	1,50
Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 18.78	12/21/2004		M	1,000	02/20/2004	02/20/2009	Common Stock	1,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where there is a real constant of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DOWLAN JAMES R 23 PASTEUR ROAD IRVINE, CA 92618	X						

Signatures

James R. Dowlan by Guy Du Bose POA

12/21/2004

**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) 750 vested 2/15/03 and 750 vested 2/15/04
- (2) 750 vest 2/15/05 and 750 vest 2/15/06
- (3) 1,000 vest 2/20/05 and 1,000 vest 2/20/06

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