#### **ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC**

Form 4

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### FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Washington, D.C. 20549

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICHEY VICTOR L JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC [ESE]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O ESCO T	<b>ECHNOL</b> (	OGIES, 9900	12/10/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
A CLAYTON	N ROAD			below) below) Chairman, CEO & Pres.		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ST. LOUIS, N	MO 63124			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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	(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
,	1.Title of Security Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially (D) or Bene Owned Indirect (I) Own Following (Instr. 4) (Inst Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common Stock	12/10/2008		M	1,300	A	\$ 5.81	273,772	D	
	Common Stock	12/10/2008		M	3,576	A	\$ 24.75	277,348	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.81	12/10/2008		M	1,300	11/11/2002	11/11/2009	Common Stock	1,300
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.75	12/10/2008		M	3,576	(2)	05/05/2009	Common Stock	3,576

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RICHEY VICTOR L JR C/O ESCO TECHNOLOGIES 9900 A CLAYTON ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63124	X		Chairman, CEO & Pres.			

### **Signatures**

V. L. Richey	12/11/2008		
**Signature of	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) Not applicable
- (2) 5-5-2006: 4,038 shares, 5-5-2007: 4,038 shares

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