

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Burtch Douglas R | | (Month/Day/Year) | BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC [BRW] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 02/20/2007 | | |
| 5701 STIRLING ROAD | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr. VP - Marketing | |
| DAVIE,Â FLÂ 33314 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 17,213 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 08/02/2009 | Common Stock | 20,076 | \$ 3.83 | D | Â |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 01/01/2011 | Common Stock | 6,519 | \$ 3.83 | D | Â |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 01/01/2012 | Common Stock | 3,260 | \$ 3.83 | D | Â |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (4) | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 978 | \$ 7.67 | D | Â |
| Employee stock option (right to buy) | Â (5) | 04/05/2014 | Common Stock | 418 | \$ 20.91 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burtch Douglas R 5701 STIRLING ROAD DAVIE, FL 33314 | Â | Â | Â Sr. VP - Marketing | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Probert, by Power of Attorney for Reporting Person 02/26/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These options became exercisable in five annual installments of August 2, 2000, August 2, 2001, August 2, 2002, August 2, 2003 and August 2, 2004
- (2) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2003
- (3) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2004
- (4) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on May 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005
- (5) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on April 5, 2005 and April 5, 2006

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