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Form 5 February 12, 2002

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- 3. Transaction action Date Code (Month/ (Inst	on or Disposed (Instr. 3,	
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* If the form is filed by 4(b)(v).	y more than one reporting	person, see instruct	cion
Table IIDerivative Se	curities Acquired, Dispose	ed of, or Beneficial	Ly Owned
(e.g., puts, cal	ls, warrants, options, con	nvertible securities)	
1. Title of Derivative	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	4. Transac-
Security (Instr. 3)	sion or	action	tion Code
	Exercise Price of	Date (Month/	(Instr. 8)
	Deriv-	Day/	
	ative	Year)	
	Security		
Options to purchase	\$7.80 	3/30/01 	A
6. Date Exer- 7	'. Title and Amount of	8. Price	9. Number 10
6. Date Exer- 7 cisable and	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price	9. Number 10

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Date (Month/Da Year)	ay/		ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	Secur- ities Bene- ficially					
Date	Expira-	Amount or		Owned at End					
Exer- cisable	tion Date	Title Number of Shares		of Year (Instr. 4)					
9/30/01	3/30/11	Class A common 10,000 stock	20,000						

Explanation of Responses:

/s/	William	I.	Belk		February	6,	2002
**S	ignature	of	Reporting	Person	Date	9	

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