

BANTA CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
KNEEZEL RONALD D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX
8003
(Street)

MENASHA, WI 54952-8003

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANTA CORP [BN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2006

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)
VP, General Counsel

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) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2006 | | A | 1,196 A \$ 0 | 20,710 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 23.5 | | | | | 10/25/2000 10/24/2009 | Common Stock 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 26.125 | | | | | 10/27/1999 10/26/2008 | Common Stock 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 28.45 | | | | | 11/05/2001 11/05/2011 | Common Stock 15,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 35.04 | | | | | 10/28/2002 10/28/2012 | Common Stock 14,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 37.8 | | | | | 10/27/2003 10/27/2013 | Common Stock 14,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 43.31 | | | | | 01/24/2005 01/24/2015 | Common Stock 6,486 |
| Stock Option | \$ 45.95 | | | | | 04/26/2004 04/26/2014 | Common Stock 5,599 |
| Stock Option <u>(1)</u> | \$ 50.87 | 01/29/2006 | | A | 5,861 | 01/29/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/29/2016 | Common Stock 5,861 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KNEEZEL RONALD D 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003 | | | VP, General Counsel | |

Signatures

Ronald D
Kneezel

01/31/2006

**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).
- (2) The option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares subject thereto on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 33-1/3% on the second anniversary of the grant date, and the final 33-1/3% on the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (1) Option Granted to reporting person on January 29, 2006 under the Banta Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.

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