

KELFER GERALD D
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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 *
KELFER GERALD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC
[AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC., 201
ALHAMBRA CIRCLE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/22/2005 | | A | 120,000 A \$ 55.02 | 123,113 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/22/2005 | | F | 30,000 D 0.00 | 2,000 | I | By Children |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance Conditioned Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/22/2005 | | C | 100,000 | 12/22/2005 | 12/31/2005 | COMMON STOCK |
| Performance Conditioned Restrictive Stock Units | (2) | 12/22/2005 | | C | V 50,000 | 12/22/2005 | 12/31/2005 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELFER GERALD D AVATAR HOLDINGS INC. 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Gerald D. Kelfer 12/23/2005
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Represents 30,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld by Issuer as partial payment of Reporting Person's tax liability upon the vesting of 150,000 restricted stock units at a price of \$55.02 per share.
- (2) 1-for-1

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