LEE THOMAS H Form 4 May 13, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

LEE THOMAS H Issuer Symbol METRIS COMPANIES INC [MXT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, 05/11/2005 Officer (give title Other (specify

L.P., 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(Zip)

(State)

5. Amount of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 05/11/2005 2,500 A 2,500 D Stock (1) 12.49

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Estimated average

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEE THOMAS H C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P. 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110



Signatures

/s/Thomas H.

05/13/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Lee

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).
- The common stock is restricted and vests on May 11, 2006. The restricted common stock was granted pursuant to the Metris Companies Inc. Long-Term Incentive and Stock Option Plan, as amended, and is exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3(d).

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