

MURRAY CHESTER V
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
MURRAY CHESTER V		(Month/Day/Year)	MOODYS CORP /DE/ [MCO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/06/2004	
99 CHURCH STREET		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK, NY 10007		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP-Moody's Investors Service		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

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	22,273	D	^
Common Stock	1,494 ⁽¹⁾	I ⁽¹⁾	401-K

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/23/1997 ⁽²⁾	12/23/2006	Common Stock	14,048	\$ 16.8754	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/22/1998 ⁽²⁾	12/22/2007	Common Stock	9,328	\$ 21.4718	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/01/1999 ⁽²⁾	07/01/2008	Common Stock	11,010	\$ 25.7728	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	09/01/1999 ⁽²⁾	09/01/2008	Common Stock	12,420	\$ 18.0762	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	09/16/1999 ⁽²⁾	09/16/2008	Common Stock	6,036	\$ 19.0413	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/21/2000 ⁽²⁾	12/21/2009	Common Stock	13,610	\$ 21.9833	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/19/2001 ⁽²⁾	01/19/2010	Common Stock	7,550	\$ 21.4184	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/03/2001 ⁽²⁾	10/03/2010	Common Stock	45,000	\$ 28.125	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/07/2003 ⁽²⁾	02/07/2012	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 39.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/07/2004 ⁽²⁾	02/07/2013	Common Stock	43,000	\$ 42.535	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/09/2005 ⁽²⁾	02/09/2014	Common Stock	33,750	\$ 64.815	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURRAY CHESTER V 99 CHURCH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10007	Â	Â	Â	EVP-Moody's Investors Service

Signatures

Chester V. Murray
10/14/2004

**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) As of the last statement dated September 30, 2004.

(2) One fourth of the options vest each year beginning with the date indicated.

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