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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									3235-0287		
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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 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										
(Print or Type Respon	nses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol METRIS COMPANIES INC [MXT]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) ((First) (I	Middle)	3. Date o	of Earliest T	ransaction	1	(Cin	ex un applicabl	()		
				(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005			_X_Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)				
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
MINNETONKA	, MN 55305						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-J	Derivative	e Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ansaction Date th/Day/Year)	2A. Deemee Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) or l of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Reminder: Report on	a separate line	for each cla	uss of secu	urities bene	ficially ow	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired		

	Derivative Security				 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) 						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Common Stock (1)	\$ 0	05/11/2005		А		2,500		05/11/2006	05/11/2006	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SPENO EDWARD B 10900 WAYZATA BOULE MINNETONKA, MN 55305		X						
Signatures								
Edward B. Speno	05/12/20)05						

<u>**</u>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).
- (1) 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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