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

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per share

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading VA PARTNERS LLC Issuer Symbol SEITEL INC [SELA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH 11/01/2004 below) **FLOOR** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common See Stock par P 38,400 A 18,509,963 Footnote 11/01/2004 value \$.01 (1)(2)

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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Reporting Owners

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
VA PARTNERS LLC 435 PACIFIC AVENUE FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133		X			
KAMIN PETER H TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE, 25TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110		X			
UBBEN JEFFREY W 435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133		X			

Signatures

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VALUEACT CAPITAL MASTER FUND, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member	11/03/2004		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member	11/03/2004		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
VALUEACT CAPITAL PARTNERS Co-Investors, L.P., BY VA PARTNERS, L.L.C., ITS GENERAL PARTNER By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
VA PARTNERS, L.L.C. By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. Managing Member	11/03/2004		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben	11/03/2004		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Reporting Owners 2 By: /s/ George F. Hamel, Jr. 11/03/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/03/2004 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) As General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., ValueAct Capital Partners II, L.P., and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.

These securities are also beneficially owned by Jeffrey W. Ubben, George F. Hamel, Jr., and Peter H. Kamin as Managing Members,

(2) Principal Owners and Controlling Persons of VA Partners, LLC. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Joint Filer Information

By: /s/ Peter H. Kamin

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.

Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133

Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)

Date of Event Requiring Statement: November 1, 2004

Name: ValueAct Capital Partners II, L.P.

Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133

Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)

Date of Event Requiring Statement: November 1, 2004

Name: ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.

Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133

Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)

Date of Event Requiring Statement: November 1, 2004

Name: Jeffrey W. Ubben

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