

ROBINSON KENNETH A
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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 *
ROBINSON KENNETH A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4666 FARIES PARKWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

DECATUR,, IL 62626

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2005 | | M | 3,641 A \$ 11.3 | 141,772 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2005 | | M | 1,359 A \$ 11.3379 | 143,131 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2005 | | S | 5,000 D \$ 25 | 138,131 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,191 | I | By Immediate Family |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,673.2115 (1) | I | By Employee |

Benefit Plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.3 | 12/16/2005 | | M | 3,641 | ⁽²⁾ 08/08/2012 | Common Stock | 3,641 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.3379 | 12/16/2005 | | M | 1,359 | ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2010 | Common Stock | 1,359 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROBINSON KENNETH A 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR,, IL 62626 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-fact for Kenneth A. Robinson 12/19/2005

__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) Between December 8, 2005 and December 16, 2005, the reporting person acquired 5.712 shares of ADM Common Stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 16, 2005.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in approximately 11.1% increments annually commencing on August 8, 2003.
- (3) The option was granted in three tranches (A, B and C). The option becomes exercisable in eight equal annual installments commencing on May 1, 2002; provided that the three tranches are exercisable sequentially commencing with Tranche A.

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