

RUPRECHT WILLIAM F  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
RUPRECHT WILLIAM F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOTHEBYS [BID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1334 YORK AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/16/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO & President

NEW YORK, NY 10021

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	01/16/2007		M		19,000 A <u>(1)</u>	649,317 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S		300 D \$ 33.07	649,017 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S		400 D \$ 33.1	648,617 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S		200 D \$ 33.12	648,417 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S		900 D \$ 33.13	647,517 <u>(2)</u>	D

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Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	1,400	D	\$ 33.14	646,117 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	3,000	D	\$ 33.15	643,117 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	900	D	\$ 33.16	642,217 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	2,600	D	\$ 33.17	639,617 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	2,700	D	\$ 33.18	636,917 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	800	D	\$ 33.19	636,117 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	600	D	\$ 33.2	635,517 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	300	D	\$ 33.21	635,217 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	200	D	\$ 33.22	635,017 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	100	D	\$ 33.23	634,917 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	200	D	\$ 33.24	634,717 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	200	D	\$ 33.25	634,517 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	600	D	\$ 33.28	633,917 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	700	D	\$ 33.29	633,217 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	700	A	\$ 33.3	632,517 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	100	D	\$ 33.31	632,417 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	400	D	\$ 33.36	632,017 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	100	D	\$ 33.37	631,917 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	1,700	D	\$ 33.39	630,217 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007	S	8,500	D	\$ 33.4	621,717 <u>(2)</u>	D
	01/16/2007	S	300	D		621,417 <u>(2)</u>	D

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Common Stock						\$ 33.41		
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S	200	D	\$ 33.45	621,217 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S	300	D	\$ 33.46	620,917 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S	100	D	\$ 33.47	620,817 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S	1,300	D	\$ 33.48	619,517 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 8.65	01/16/2007		M	19,000	<sup>(4)</sup>	08/05/2013	Common Stock	19,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUPRECHT WILLIAM F 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021	X		CEO & President	

## Signatures

/s/ William F.  
Ruprecht

01/17/2007

\*\*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) Not Applicable
  - (2) Includes 605,139 shares of unvested restricted stock
  - (3) Granted under the Issuer's 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan
  - (4) 37,500 stock options became exercisable on each of the following: 8/5/04, 8/5/05 and 8/5/06.

### Remarks:

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The transactions reported on this Form 4 were pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan entered into by Mr. Ruprecht on December 15, 2006.

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