

SOTHEBYS
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RUPRECHT WILLIAM F

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

NEW YORK, NY 10021

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/22/2007		M		1,500 A <u>1</u>	621,017 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/22/2007		S		2,500 D \$ 34.9	618,517 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/23/2007		M		1,500 A <u>1</u>	620,017 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/23/2007		S		2,500 D \$ 36.2	617,517 <u>(2)</u>	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy ⁽³⁾	\$ 8.65	01/22/2007		M	1,500	⁽⁴⁾ 08/05/2013	Common Stock	1,500
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy ⁽³⁾	\$ 8.65	01/23/2007		M	1,500	⁽⁴⁾ 08/05/2013	Common Stock	1,500

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 01/23/2007

 Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Not Applicable

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- (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:

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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