

SERVICEMASTER CO  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
GOETZ JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
(Street)

DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2005

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)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Disposed of (A) or (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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common stock \$.01 par value	03/18/2005		F	490 D \$ 13.754	43,971 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value	03/18/2005		G V	5,000 D \$ 0	38,971 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value					163	I	By 401(k) 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88					03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common Stock	43,333
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					01/11/2002	09/10/2006	Common Stock	17,469
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					01/11/2002	01/10/2009	Common Stock	50,000
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					09/11/2000	09/10/2006	Common Stock	18,025
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					05/02/2001	05/01/2007	Common Stock	4,506
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	32,500
2003 EIP Stock	\$ 13.44					02/11/2006	02/10/2015	Common Stock	37,500

Appreciation  
Right

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOETZ JAMES A 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney  
03/22/2005

\_\_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) Includes 289 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Dividend Reinvestment Plan during the month of March 2005.
- (2) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

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