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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Merkel Stephen T
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 06/01/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STURM RUGER & CO INC [RGR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

C/O STURM, RUGER &
 COMPANY, INC.,Â ONE
 LACEY PLACE

(Street)

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

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

SOUTHPORT,Â CTÂ 06890

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
 (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
 (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
 Direct (D)
 or Indirect (I)
 (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
 (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
 (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
 (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
 (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

Non-Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	06/01/2016	Common Stock	Shares 20,000	\$ 6.15	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merkel Stephen T C/O STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC. ONE LACEY PLACE SOUTHPORT,Â CTÂ 06890	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Leslie M. Gasper as
attorney-in-fact

06/07/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options are exercisable in four installments of 5,000 shares each. The first became exercisable on June 1, 2006, and the remaining three become exercisable in annual installments on June 1, 2007, June 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009.

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