COLBERT VIRGIS

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **COLBERT VIRGIS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

STANLEY WORKS [SWK]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

1000 STANLEY DRIVE

NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053

(State)

12/15/2004

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Shares (1)	\$ 42.67	12/15/2004	A		498.008 (4)		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	498.008

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COLBERT VIRGIS 1000 STANLEY DRIVE NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053	X						

Signatures

By: /s/ Bruce H. Beatt, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Book Entry of shares credited to Director's account upon the deferral of retainer pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors maintained by The Stanley Works
- (2) Currently 100% vested
- The reporting director will receive common stock of the corporation in four approximately equal installments to be delivered on the first business day of the calendar year immediately following the year in which he ceases to be a director and each of the next 3 calendar years
- (4) With dividend equivalent rights

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