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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pepper David A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

CHOICE HOTELS

INTERNATIONAL INC /DE [CHH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

10750 COLUMBIA PIKE

02/12/2006

Senior Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Following Reported

(A) 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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(Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | 8) | Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | ed of | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|----|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 48.75 | 02/12/2006 | | A | | 13,539 | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/12/2013 | Common Stock | 13,539 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pepper David A 10750 COLUMBIA PIKE SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Senior Vice President

Signatures

David A. Pepper 02/14/2006

**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) Options vest in four equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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