TOTH TERENCE J

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock (1)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOTH TERENCE J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 50 S. LA S	(First) (SALLE ST.	(M	Date of Earliest 7 Month/Day/Year) 1/20/2006	Γransaction			Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & President/NTGI			
CHICAGO	(Street) O, IL 60675		Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution		Code	Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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)	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M	10,032	A	\$ 16.75	31,945	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		F	2,037	D	\$ 49.47	29,908	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M	2,890	A	\$ 34.5938	32,798	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	01/20/2006		F	2,020	D	\$ 49.47	30,778	I	By Trust	

Common Stock

4,511 (2) I

401(k)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sl	
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 16.75	01/20/2006		M	10,03	2 09/17/1998	09/17/2006	Common Stock	10,	
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 34.5938	01/20/2006		M	2,890	09/15/2000	09/15/2008	Common Stock	2,8	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

TOTH TERENCE J

50 S. LA SALLE ST. **EVP & President/NTGI** CHICAGO, IL 60675

Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka POA for Terence 01/23/2006 J. Toth

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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(2) as of 12/31/2005

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