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# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* PRESTON STEVEN C

(First)

3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2005

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Ex. Vice President

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

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

#### **DOWNERS** GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		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 par value	02/11/2005		A	16,667	A	\$ 0	91,227	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value	02/11/2005		<u>J(1)</u>	17,530	A	\$ 0	108,757	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value	02/11/2005		F(2)	4,909	D	\$ 13.202	103,848	D	
Common							726	I	by 401(k)

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stock \$.01 par value							plan
Common stock \$.01 par value	02/11/2005	J <u>(3)</u>	17,530 D	\$ 0	0	I	Deferred Comp

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of conderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and 4 Underlying S (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.4667					02/13/1999	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.83					02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common Stock
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2222					02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.3467					02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.5911					02/13/2000	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.7111					02/13/2001	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value

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1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8355				02/13/2002	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.075				01/29/2000	01/28/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual.Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5				12/31/2000	12/31/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual.Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.2583				02/16/1999	02/15/2008	Common Stock
Senior Ex. Ownership Elec. Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75				08/08/2001	08/07/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88				03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common Stock
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52				03/16/2002	03/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87				05/04/2000	05/03/2006	Common stock \$.01 par value
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73				02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 13.44	02/11/2005	A	50,000	02/11/2006(8)	02/10/2015	Common Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PRESTON STEVEN C			Ex. Vice President				
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600							

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## **Signatures**

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney

02/15/2005

\*\*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) Acquisition of shares through a distribution from Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities pursuant to the distribution of shares from Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Distribution of shares from Deferred Compensation Plan.
- Exercise Vesting/Exercise Prices 1st annivresary 20% exercisable at 110% FMV:\$12.3467 per share 2nd anniversary 20% exercisable at 120% FMV \$15.7111 per share 3rd anniversary 20% exercisable at 130% FMV \$14.5911 per share 4th anniversary 20% exercisable at 140% FMV \$13.4667 5th anniversary 20% exercisable at 150% of FMV \$16.8355 per share FMV Fair Market Value on Grant Date
- (5) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- Option becomes exercisable 10% per year on anniversary date of the grant for a period of 8 years, the 9th anniversary the remaining 20% becomes exercisable..
- In 1999, ServiceMaster entered into a joint venture with Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers to develop an Internet company, We Serve (7) Homes.com ("WSH"). A WSH option was granted in 2000. On January 11, 2002, the WSH option was converted into a ServiceMaster option at a ratio of 55.48 to 1, pursuant to a merger with a subsidiary of ServiceMaster in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-7.
- (8) The stock appreciation right is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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