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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CIT GROUP INC [CIT] **OWENS WALTER** (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1 CIT DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person LIVINGSTON, NJÂ 07039 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Exec VP, Chf Sales/Mktg Off. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 500 Â Common Stock 9,593 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy) 3/08/05 (\$41.70)	03/08/2006(2)	03/08/2015	Common Stock	28,571	\$ 41.7	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OWENS WALTER 1 CIT DRIVE LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039	Â	Â	Exec VP, Chf Sales/Mktg Off.	Â

Signatures

James P. Shanahan, Attorney-in-Fact 05/20/2005

**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) Shares vest on the anniversary of the grant date in increments of 1/3 each year for a period of 3 years, commencing on March 8, 2 006.
- (2) Options vest on the anniversary of the grant date in increments of 1/3 each year for a period of 3 years, commencing on March 8, 2006. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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