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FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DeSantis Paul F

(First) (Middle)

3550 WEST MARKET STREET

AKRON, OH 44333

(State)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

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

01/23/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Issuer

below)

Person

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Securities Beneficially

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(I)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

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

(Check all applicable)

below) VP - Finance

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Estimated average

burden hours per

(A)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V

(A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of Share

Option

(Right to \$ 24.69 Buy)

01/23/2006

A 60,000 01/23/2007(1) 01/22/2016

Common

60,000 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

DeSantis Paul F

3550 WEST MARKET STREET

VP - Finance

AKRON, OH 44333

Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, attorney in fact for Paul F. **DeSantis**

01/24/2006

Other

**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).
- Pursuant to the A. Schulman 2002 Equity Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 Plan), 33% of these options become exercisable on January 23 of each of the years 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- (2) Award of option pursuant to A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 Plan).

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