

SCHULMAN A INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MITAROTONDA JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P., 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2006		P	9,682 A \$ 23.7965	440,154	I	By Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. (BVI) <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock					360,921	I	By Barington Companies Advisors, LLC <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

Common Stock	495,893	I	(3) By Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. (1) (2)
Common Stock	2,000	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MITAROTONDA JAMES A  
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888 SEVENTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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## Signatures

/s/ James A.  
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05/16/2006

Date

Signature of Reporting  
Person

## 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).  
  

The Reporting Person's relationship to Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P. ("Barington"), Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. (BVI)("Barington Fund") and Barington Companies Advisors, LLC ("Barington Advisors") is described in this footnote. The Reporting Person is the President and CEO of Barington Companies Investors, LLC ("Barington Investors"), which is the general partner of Barington. The Reporting Person is the sole stockholder and director of LNA Capital Corp., which is the general partner of Barington Capital Group, L.P. ("Barington Capital"). Barington Capital is the majority member of Barington Advisors, which is the investment advisor of the investment account managed on behalf of Millenco, L.P. Barington Capital is also the majority member of Barington Investors as well as the investment advisor of the Barington Fund.
- (1) 

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) 

Pursuant to an account management agreement between Millenium Operations, LLC and Barington Advisors, Barington Advisors manages an investment account on behalf of Millenco, L.P. with respect to these shares.
- (3)

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