

INTER TEL INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FORD JEFFREY T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE),  
INCORPORATED, 1615 SOUTH  
52ND STREET

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INTER TEL INC [INTL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP & CTO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance shares	\$ 0	02/22/2007	A	2,000		<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options	\$ 23.86	02/22/2007	A	10,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/17/2017	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORD JEFFREY T C/O INTER-TEL (DELAWARE), INCORPORATED 1615 SOUTH 52ND STREET TEMPE, AZ 85281			Sr. VP & CTO	

## Signatures

Kurt R. Kneip,  
CFO

02/26/2007

\*\*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) Subject to performance-based vesting: 1/2 on 04/30/2009 1/2 on 04/30/2010

(2) 1/4th on 02/22/2008 1/4th on 02/22/2009 1/4th on 02/22/2010 1/4th on 02/22/2011

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