DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELL JAMES A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			DOW CHEMICAL CO /DE/ [DOW]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
(I			(Month/Da	(Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director		6 Owner
2030 DOW CENTER			03/06/2006				Officer (gives)	ve titleOth below)	er (specify	
	(Street) 4. If Amer			ndment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Mo			onth/Day/Year)				Applicable Line)		
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MIDLAND, MI 48674								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		T N D	• 4• 6				e D e	
(,)	()	(· F)	Table	e 1 - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	te 2A. De	emed	3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Executi	ion Date, if	Transactio	•			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	Disposed			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month	/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
						(A)		Reported		
						or		Transaction(s)		
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/06/2006			A	4,900 (1)	A	\$0	5,400	D	

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

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.37	03/06/2006		A	1,100	03/06/2007	03/06/2016	Common Stock	1,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BELL JAMES A 2030 DOW CENTER MIDLAND, MI 48674	X						

Signatures

James A. Bell, Director 03/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date

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).
- (1) Award of stock with transfer restrictions under the 2003 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Award of options under the 2003 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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