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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 *
DEVOE DAVID F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA
INCORPORATED, 1211 AVENUE
OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWS CORP [NWS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/12/2004

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)
Sr. EVP and CFO

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 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 Underlying Security
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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 Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.58 ⁽¹⁾	08/19/1997	A		45,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	08/19/2007	Class A Common Stock	45,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.7 ⁽⁴⁾	09/07/1998	A		150,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	09/07/2008	Class A Common Stock	150,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.92 ⁽⁵⁾	09/06/1999	A		150,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	09/06/2009	Class A Common Stock	150,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22 ⁽⁶⁾	11/15/1999	A		500,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	11/15/2009	Class A Common Stock	500,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.5 ⁽⁷⁾	05/01/2000	A		500,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	05/01/2010	Class A Common Stock	500,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.3 ⁽⁸⁾	08/01/2001	A		120,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	08/01/2011	Class A Common Stock	120,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.06 ⁽⁹⁾	08/30/2001	A		130,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	08/30/2011	Class A Common Stock	130,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.04 ⁽¹⁰⁾	08/13/2002	A		240,000 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾	08/13/2012	Class A Common Stock	240,000 ⁽²⁾
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 19.78 ⁽¹¹⁾	08/11/2003	A		250,000 ⁽¹²⁾		⁽¹³⁾	08/11/2013	Class A Common Stock	250,000 ⁽¹²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEVOE DAVID F C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X		Sr. EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Laura O Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for David F.
DeVoe

11/12/2004

__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) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$7.06 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.

Received in exchange for options held over The News Corporation Limited's ("TNCL") Preferred Limited Voting Ordinary Shares ("Preferred Shares") in connection with the TNCL reorganization to the United States (the "Reorganization"). On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding option over TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and an option over Class A Common Stock for half the number of underlying TNCL Preferred Shares was issued in exchange therefore.
- (2) The options provide for vesting as to 25% on each anniversary date after the date of the original grant date.
- (3) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$11.07 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (4) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$13.47 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (5) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$14.23 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (6) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$20.62 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (7) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$21.08 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (8) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$15.15 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (9) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$8.66 after giving effect to the one for two exchange ratio.
- (10) Reported in Australian dollars. On the grant date, the exercise price would have been US\$12.94 after giving effect to the on for two exchange ratio.
- (11) On 11/12/2004, the effective date of the Reorganization, each outstanding stock appreciation right for TNCL Preferred Shares was cancelled and a stock appreciation right for Class A Common Stock for half the shares was issued in exchange therefore.
- (12) The stock appreciation right provide for vesting as to 25% on each anniversary date after the date of the original grant.
- (13)

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