

Curfman Christopher C
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 * Curfman Christopher C (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET (Street) PEORIA, IL 61629 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	9,102 ⁽¹⁾	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (ISO) ⁽²⁾	06/11/1996 ⁽³⁾	06/11/2006	Common	1,940	\$ 32.9062	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽²⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽³⁾	06/10/2007	Common	1,934	\$ 51.6562	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽³⁾	06/10/2007	Common	6	\$ 51.6562	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽²⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽³⁾	06/09/2008	Common	1,795	\$ 55.6875	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽³⁾	06/09/2008	Common	4,505	\$ 55.6875	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽²⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽³⁾	06/08/2009	Common	1,604	\$ 62.3438	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽³⁾	06/08/2009	Common	6,856	\$ 62.3438	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽²⁾	06/12/2000 ⁽³⁾	06/12/2010	Common	2,601	\$ 38.4063	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/12/2000 ⁽³⁾	06/12/2010	Common	7,199	\$ 38.4063	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/12/2001 ⁽³⁾	06/12/2011	Common	9,800	\$ 53.53	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/11/2002 ⁽³⁾	06/11/2012	Common	9,761	\$ 50.715	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/10/2003 ⁽³⁾	06/10/2013	Common	9,770	\$ 54.285	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽²⁾	06/08/2004 ⁽³⁾	06/08/2014	Common	9,670	\$ 77.255	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Curfman Christopher C 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Christopher C. Curfman; L.J.
Huxtable, POA

12/02/2004

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This amount includes 7675 shares in 401K and 187 shares in SEIP.
- (2) Stock Option (right to buy) granted under company's 1996 Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

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