

LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO  
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 \*  
STEEL PARTNERS II LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO  
[LAYN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR,  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/15/2005

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)			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)	Amount	Price			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	09/15/2005		S	2,000	D	\$ 25.5	1,421,872	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	09/16/2005		S	3,932	D	\$ 24.8766	1,417,940	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEEL PARTNERS II LP 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
STEEL PARTNERS LLC C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
LICHTENSTEIN WARREN G C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	X		

## Signatures

By: Steel Partners II, L.P., By: Steel Partners, L.L.C., general partner, By: /s/ Warren G. Lichtenstein, Managing Member 09/19/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

By: Steel Partners, L.L.C., By: /s/ Warren G. Lichtenstein, Managing Member 09/19/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Lichtenstein, Warren G. 09/19/2005

\_\_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) This Form 4 is filed jointly by Warren G. Lichtenstein, Steel Partners, L.L.C. ("Steel LLC") and Steel Partners II, L.P. ("Steel LP"). Mr. Lichtenstein is a director of the Issuer. Mr. Lichtenstein and Steel LLC are deemed to be 10% owners of the Issuer and Steel LP is a 10% owner of the Issuer. The securities reported in this Form 4 are owned directly by Steel LP, and owned indirectly by Steel LLC by virtue of it being the general partner of Steel LP and by Mr. Lichtenstein by virtue of his position as the sole executive officer and managing member of Steel LLC. Steel LLC and Mr. Lichtenstein disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Steel LP except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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