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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement LAYNE CHRISTENSEN CO [LAYN] QUICKE JOHN J (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, (Check all applicable) L.P., Â 590 MADISON

AVENUE. 32ND FLOOR Director 10% Owner (Street) Officer _X_ Other

(give title below) (specify below) See Footnote 1

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share 0

 $D^{(1)}$

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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

QUICKE JOHN J C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

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Signatures

/s/ Quicke, John
J. 02/09/2006

**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) The Reporting Person is a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding common stock.

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