

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
 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 \*  
 Stringer Steven Dale

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE  
 SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/03/2006

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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) (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 of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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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 Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.25                                  | 04/03/2006           | A               |   | 100,000          |                  | <u>(1)</u>       | 04/03/2011      | Common Stock | 100,000              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Stringer Steven Dale<br>15378 AVENUE OF SCIENCE SUITE 100<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92128 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Karen Jordan,  
Attorney-in-fact

04/05/2006

\_\_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) Grant to reporting person on April 3, 2006 of an option to purchase 100,000 shares. The option vests as to 1/4 of the shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and as to 1/16 of the remaining shares quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

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