KAPUT JIM L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
KAPUT JIM L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock $.01 par value	12/27/2004		S		2,000	D	$ 13.67	45,318 (1)	D	
Common stock $.01 par value								15,770	I	through 401(k) plan
Common stock $.01 par value								400	I	Cust. for children
Common								5,123 (2)	I	Deferred

stock $.01 par value | Comp

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 8.75							08/08/2001	08/07/2007	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 10.52							03/16/2002	03/15/2008	Common Stock	75,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 11.4125							04/01/2001	03/31/2010	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 13.83							02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common Stock	85,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 13.87							05/04/2000	05/03/2006	Common Stock	541
2000 Emplee Stock Option	$ 9.88							03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common Stock	66,667

(Right to Buy)						
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	$ 10.73		02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAPUT JIM L 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700			Sr. VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney	12/28/2004
**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) Includes 236 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Employee Share Purchase Plan during the months of September through December 2004.

(2) Includes 42 shares purchased through the dividend reinvestment feature of the ServiceMaster Deferred Compensation Plan in November 2004.

(3) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

(4) In 1999, ServiceMaster entered into a joint venture with Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers to develop an Internet company, We Serve Homes.com ("WSH"). A WSH option was granted in 2000. On January 11, 2002, the WSH option was converted into a ServiceMaster option at a ratio of 55.48 to 1, pursuant to a merger with a subsidiary of ServiceMaster in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-7.

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