

SERVICEMASTER CO

Form 4

September 01, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOETZ JAMES A

(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)
08/31/2005

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)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock \$.01 par value	08/31/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 13.45
Common stock \$.01 par value							
					34,256 ⁽¹⁾	D	
					164	I	
							By 401(k) plan

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
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88					03/18/2004 03/17/2013	Common Stock 43,333
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					01/11/2002 09/10/2006	Common Stock 17,469
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					01/11/2002 01/10/2009	Common Stock 50,000
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					09/11/2000 09/10/2006	Common Stock 18,025
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87					05/02/2001 05/01/2007	Common Stock 4,506
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005 02/12/2014	Common Stock 32,500
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 13.44					02/11/2006 02/10/2015	Common Stock 37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOETZ JAMES A 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney

09/01/2005

__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) Includes 285 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Dividend Reinvestment Plan during the month of June 2005.

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

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