

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 NEWCASTLE PARTNERS L P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HAF.EC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 300 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1110  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/06/2005

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

DALLAS, TX 75201

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) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	06/06/2005		X	V Amount A	\$ 44,654,999 0.9	D (1)	

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)**



## 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).

- NEWCASTLE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("NCM") IS THE GENERAL PARTNER OF NEWCASTLE PARTNERS, L.P. ("NP"), NEWCASTLE CAPITAL GROUP, L.L.C. ("NCG") IS THE GENERAL PARTNER OF NCM, AND MARK E. SCHWARZ ("SCHWARZ") IS THE MANAGING MEMBER OF NCG. ACCORDINGLY, EACH OF NCM, NCG AND SCHWARZ MAY BE DEEMED TO BENEFICIALLY OWN THE SHARES DIRECTLY OWNED BY ANY OF THEM.
- (1) INCLUDES ALLOCABLE SHARE OF OVER-SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS.
  - (2) REPRESENTS DIRECTOR STOCK OPTIONS WHICH BECOME EXERCISABLE AS TO 12,500 SHARES ON EACH OF JANUARY 1, 2006 AND 2007.

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