

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC

Form 4

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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 *
 GRESH PHILIP M JR
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 (Street)
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	12/16/2004		F	2,213	D	\$ 91.98 19,253	D	

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)

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/03, 12/16/04, 12/16/05
- (2) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006.
- (3) 200 shares held by my daughter to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.
- (4) 3,056 shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan -- Information reported as of 12/8/2004.
- (5) Options vesting four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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