

STROUP GARY A
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
STROUP GARY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

P. O. BOX 610

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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MOSSVILLE, IL 61552-0610

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common	01/03/2005		M		20,000 A \$ 50.715	D	
Common	01/03/2005		M		24,000 A \$ 53.53	D	
Common	01/03/2005		M		21,000 A \$ 55.6875	D	
Common	01/03/2005		M		21,000 A \$ 62.3438	D	
Common	01/03/2005		M		9,000 A \$ 54.285	D	
Common	01/03/2005		S		95,000 D \$ 96.1	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)

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
Employee Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 50.715	01/03/2005		M	20,000	⁽³⁾	06/11/2012	Common	20,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 53.53	01/03/2005		M	24,000	⁽³⁾	06/12/2011	Common	24,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 55.6875	01/03/2005		M	21,000	⁽³⁾	06/09/2008	Common	21,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 62.3438	01/03/2005		M	21,000	⁽³⁾	06/08/2009	Common	21,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽²⁾	\$ 54.285	01/03/2005		M	9,000	⁽³⁾	06/10/2013	Common	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STROUP GARY A P. O. BOX 610 MOSSVILLE, IL 61552-0610			Vice President	

Signatures

Gary A. Stroup; L.J. Huxtable, POA
01/04/2005

__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) This amount includes 9483 shares in 401K, 491 shares in SEIP and 7 shares in dividend reinvestment.
- (2) (Right to Buy) with tandem tax withholding rights.
- (3) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

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