ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANTLE WILLIAM S III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC [ESE]

(Check all applicable)

C/O ESCO TECHNOLOGIES

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

INC., 9900 A CLAYTON ROAD (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. LOUIS, MO 63124

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amo

(Month/Day/Year)

Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and Security 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date N Sh Phantom Common Stock $\$ 0 \frac{(1)}{2}$ 01/01/2006 A 1.645.35 08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(2) Stock

A

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ANTLE WILLIAM S III C/O ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. 9900 A CLAYTON ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63124

X

Signatures

Units

T. B. Martin. 01/04/2006 Attorney-In-Fact

**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) 1 for 1
- The Phantom Stock Units were acquired under Issuer's Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, and are to be settled upon the reporting **(2)** Person's retirement.

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