

ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

Form 4

February 24, 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 \*  
ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
[FF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3601 C STREET, SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2005

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

ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | Price                                                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/22/2005                              |                                                             | S                                       | 2,600 D                                                                    | \$ 19                                                                                                              | 1,771,300 <sup>(1)</sup>                                             | D <sup>(2)</sup>                                                  |

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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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                                  | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                       | Expiration<br>Date                                  | Title                                                                                                                    | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B<br>3601 C STREET, SUITE 600<br>ANCHORAGE, AK 99503 |               | X         |         |       |
| HOREJSI STEWART R<br>200 SOUTH SANTA FE<br>SALINA, KS 67401                   |               | X         |         |       |
| CICIORA SUSAN L<br>1680 38TH STREET, SUITE 800<br>BOULDER, CO 80301           | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Stephen C. Miller, President, Badlands Trust Company, LLC, trustee of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B

02/24/2005

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Stewart R. Horejsi

02/24/2005

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Susan L. Ciciora

02/24/2005

     \*\*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) Trusts affiliated with the Ernest Trust, including the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B, the Mildred B. Horejsi Trust, the Susan L. Ciciora Trust, and the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2, own an aggregate of 9,099,700 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.
- (2) The trustees of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Ernest Trust") are Badlands Trust Company ("Badlands"), Susan L. Ciciora and Larry Dunlap. Such trustees may be deemed to control the Ernest Trust and may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares held by the Ernest Trust. However, none of the trustees, acting alone, can vote or exercise dispositive authority over Shares held by the Ernest Trust. Accordingly, Badlands, Ms. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlap disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially

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owned, directly or indirectly, by the Ernest Trust. In addition to serving as a trustee, Ms. Ciciora is also a beneficiary of the Ernest Trust. As a result of his advisory role with the Ernest Trust, Stewart R. Horejsi may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Ernest Trust. However, Mr. Horejsi disclaims such beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially held by the Ernest Trust.

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