

METRIS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WESSELINK DAVID D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10900 WAYZATA BOULEVARD

(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55305

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**METRIS COMPANIES INC [MXT]**

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

02/10/2005

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

02/14/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chairman and CEO

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

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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2005	A	73,500					(2)	02/10/2013	Common Stock	73,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WESSELINK DAVID D 10900 WAYZATA BOULEVARD MINNETONKA, MN 55305	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

David D. Wesselink 03/18/2005

\*\*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) Conversion or exercise price of derivative security is 1 for 1.

The RSUs were granted pursuant to the Metris Companies Inc. Long-Term Incentive and Stock Option Plan, as amended, and are exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3(d). The RSUs vest in equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date over four years,

- (2) subject to the attainment of certain Company performance goals. Any RSUs not vesting or forfeited on the originally scheduled vesting date will have a second vesting opportunity four years after their original vesting date, subject to the attainment of certain Company performance goals.

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