

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO
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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 *
 Luthar Vikram

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO [ADM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4666 FARIES PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

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

DECATUR, IL 62526
 (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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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/03/2006		M	2,500 A \$ 19.92	11,150	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S	2,500 D \$ 43.1102	8,650	D	
Common Stock					486.6452 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Employee Benefit Plan

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(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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.92	05/03/2006		M	2,500	(2) 11/08/2014	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Luthar Vikram 4666 FARIES PARKWAY DECATUR, IL 62526			Vice President & Treasurer	

Signatures

Stuart E. Funderburg, Attorney-in-fact for Vikram Luthar	05/04/2006
**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) Between August 10, 2005 and May 3, 2006, the reporting person acquired 336,518 shares of ADM Common Stock pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated May 3, 2006.
- (2) The option becomes exercisable in five approximately equal annual installments beginning on November 8, 2005.

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