

ARMSTRONG WILLIAM H III  
 Form 4  
 December 18, 2002  
 FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, DC 20549

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

- Director
- 10% Owner
- Officer (specify title below)
- Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

Armstrong, III William H.  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Stratus Properties Inc. (STRS)  
 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

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

98 San Jacinto Boulevard, Suite 220

(Street)

12/17/02

5. If Amendment,  Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  
 Date of (Month/Day/Year)

Austin Texas 78701  
 (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 Acquired or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Ownership or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 3   |   |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Amount  | Price   |   |  |

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Common Stock  
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A

14,000<sup>(1)</sup>

A

34,786<sup>(2)</sup>

D

3,250

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By IRA for Self

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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| FORM 4<br>(continued)                               | Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned<br>(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                                      |   |   |     |  |                    |   |  |   |        |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--------|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or<br>Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | 3A.<br>Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 3) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr.<br>3, 4 and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/<br>Year) |     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) |                    | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr.<br>5) | 9. Number<br>of derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. C<br>sh<br>F<br>D<br>va<br>S<br>D<br>(I<br>(I |        |
|   |   |  |   | Code                                 | V   | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |        |
| Options <sup>(3)</sup><br>(right to<br>buy)         | \$9.25  | 12/17/02   |   | A                                    | 46,000  |   |     | 12/17/03 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 12/17/12           | Common<br>Stock   | 46,000   | None  | 46,000 |
|   |   |  |   |                                      |   |   |     |  |                    |   |  |   |        |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units
- 2. Includes 27,636 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units
- 3. Options with limited stock appreciation rights
- 4. 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof

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| <p>**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.</p> <p>See</p> <p>18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).</p> | <p>/s/ Margaret F. Murphy</p> <p>**Signature of Reporting Person</p> <p>Margaret F. Murphy, on behalf of</p> <p>William H. Armstrong, III</p> | <p>12/17//02</p> <p>Date</p> |
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