

SEITEL INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
VA PARTNERS LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

435 PACIFIC AVENUE, FOURTH FLOOR

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SEITEL INC [SELA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	03/01/2006		P		21,499,983	A	\$ 2.75
					51,201,346	I	

See Footnote (1) (2)

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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VALUEACT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., By: VALUEACT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, its General Partner, By:/s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	03/02/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
VALUEACT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, By:/s/ George F. Hamel, Jr., Managing Member	03/02/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey W. Ubben	03/02/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ George F. Hamel, Jr.	03/02/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Peter H. Kamin	03/02/2006
__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) As General Partner of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P.
The reported stock is owned directly by ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P. and may be deemed to be beneficially owned by (i) VA Partners, L.L.C. as General Partner (ii) ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. as the manager of ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. and ValueAct Capital Partners Co-Investors, L.P. and (iii) ValueAct Capital Management, LLC as General Partner of ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. Jeffrey W. Ubben and George F. Hamel, Jr. are Managing Members of VA Partners, L.L.C. and ValueAct Capital Management, LLC. Peter H. Kamin is a director of Seitel, Inc and Managing Member of VA Partners, L.L.C. and ValueAct Capital Management, LLC. Gregory P. Spivy is a director of Seitel, Inc. and Non-Managing Member of VA Partners, L.L.C. and ValueAct Capital Management, LLC. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported stock except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
 - (2)
 - (3) One common stock purchase warrant represents the right to purchase one share of the Issuer's common stock, at an exercise price of \$.72 per share, exercisable at any time during the period ending on 08/12/2011.

Remarks:

Remarks: Joint Filer Information:

Name: ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.
Address: 435 Pacific Avenue, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94133
Designated Filer: VA Partners, L.L.C.
Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Seitel, Inc. (SELA)
Date of Event Requiring Statement: March 1, 2006

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