

NESSER JOHN T III
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FORM 4

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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 *
 NESSER JOHN T III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL INC [MDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/12/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Gen. Counsel & Corp. Sec.

C/O MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1450 POYDRAS STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

(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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.18	05/12/2005		A	23,730	05/12/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 05/12/2015	Common Stock	23,730
Deferred Stock Units	⁽²⁾	05/12/2005		A	10,650	05/12/2006 ⁽³⁾ 05/12/2010 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	10,650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

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Signatures

Liane K. Hinrichs,
 Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2005

__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) Becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, with the first installment vesting on this date.

(2) 1-for-1

(3) Vests in five equal annual installments, with the first installment vesting on this date. Vested units will be paid in cash in an amount equal to the number of vested units multiplied by the average stock price on the vesting date.

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