SMITH HAROLD B

Form 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Reported Form 4 Transactions

n) of the investment Company Act of 1940

Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH HAROLD B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 50 S. LA SA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	_X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		

CHICAGO, ILÂ 60675

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	curities	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o d of (D 4 and (A) or)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	800 (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,504 (2) (3)	I	By Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,440 (4)	I	By Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	727,928 (4)	I	By Trust

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Common Stock Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Î,454,640 I By Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									A 4	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or Number	
						Exercisable	Date			
					(A) (D)				of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
SMITH HAROLD B 50 S. LA SALLE ST CHICAGO, IL 60675	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

Eileen C. Ratzka as POA for Harold B.
Smith

**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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (2) Reflects vesting of stock units into shares of common stock on April 20, 2004.
- (3) Shares held in a revocable trust created by the reporting person.
- (4) Shares held in a trust of which the reporting person is co-trustee and has a direct beneficial interest.
- (5) Shares held in three trusts of which the reporting person is a co-trustee and has a contingent beneficial interest.

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