

KAPUT JIM L
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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 *
KAPUT JIM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Sr. VP & General Counsel
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

(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
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DOWNERS
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | 12/27/2004 | | S | 2,000 D \$ 13.67 | 45,318 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | | 15,770 | I | through 401(k) plan |
| Common stock \$.01 par value | | | | | 400 | I | Cust. for children |
| Common | | | | | 5,123 ⁽²⁾ | I | Deferred |

stock \$.01
par value

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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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 8.75 | | | | | 08/08/2001 08/07/2007 | Common Stock 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 10.52 | | | | | 03/16/2002 03/15/2008 | Common Stock 75,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.4125 | | | | | 04/01/2001 03/31/2010 | Common Stock 50,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.83 | | | | | 02/08/2003 02/07/2009 | Common Stock 85,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.87 | | | | | 05/04/2000 05/03/2006 | Common Stock 541 |
| 2000 Empl Stock Option | \$ 9.88 | | | | | 03/18/2004 03/17/2013 | Common Stock 66,667 |

(Right to Buy)

2003 EIP

Stock Appreciation Right \$ 10.73

02/13/2005 02/12/2014 Common Stock 50,000

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAPUT JIM L 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700 | | | Sr. VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney 12/28/2004

__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) Includes 236 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Employee Share Purchase Plan during the months of September through December 2004.
- (2) Includes 42 shares purchased through the dividend reinvestment feature of the ServiceMaster Deferred Compensation Plan in November 2004.
- (3) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (4) In 1999, ServiceMaster entered into a joint venture with Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers to develop an Internet company, We Serve Homes.com ("WSH"). A WSH option was granted in 2000. On January 11, 2002, the WSH option was converted into a ServiceMaster option at a ratio of 55.48 to 1, pursuant to a merger with a subsidiary of ServiceMaster in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-7.

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