COMPTON HAROLD F

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

COMPTON HAROLD F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINENS N THINGS INC [LIN]				C	Issuer				
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC., 6 BRIGHTON ROAD				(Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005					X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
CLIFTON, NJ 07012				Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
			(T.)						Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)))	Securities Form: Direct Ind Beneficially (D) or Be Owned Indirect (I) Ow		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
					Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2005			A	1,400	A	\$ 0	1,400	D (1)		
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								7,045	D		

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 23.76	05/05/2005		A	4,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4,000	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COMPTON HAROLD F						

COMPTON HAROLD F C/O LINENS 'N THINGS, INC. 6 BRIGHTON ROAD CLIFTON, NJ 07012



Signatures

/s/ Brian D. Silva, Attorney-in-Fact 05/09/2005

**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) Restricted stock units granted May 5, 2005, of which 50% will vest on November 6, 2005 and 50% will vest on May 6, 2006.
- (2) Options are exercisable in one-third increments on May 5, 2006, May 5, 2007 and May 5, 2008. Options expire on May 5, 2012.

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