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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

MALAK SABA S

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/09/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND [pcf]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PUTNAM INVESTMENTS, Â ONE POST **OFFICE SQUARE**

(Street)

(State)

Director

_X__ Officer

10% Owner

X Other (give title below) (specify below) Managing Director, Putnam, LLC / and of its issuer's managers

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON. MAÂ 02109

(City)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

Date

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Direct (D)

Expiration Title Amount or Security Exercisable Number of Date

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Shares

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MALAK SABA S PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

Â Managing Director, Putnam, LLC

and of its issuer's managers

Signatures

Saba S. Malak 01/19/2005

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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