

SEITEL INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES
 AND EXCHANGE
 COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES
 IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) Zeidman, Fred S.		Seitel, Inc. SEI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) 50 Briar Hollow Lane, 7 th Floor West Houston, Texas 77027		3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year December 2000	
(City) (State) (Zip)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		5. Amount of Securities	
		2. Transaction		6. Ownership	
		3. Transaction			
		4. Securities Acquired (A)			

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	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercised and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)
			Code	V			(A)	(D)			
Options-Right to Buy	\$11.3750	07/26/00	A	V	15,000	(07/26/10)	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D
Options-Right to Buy	\$16.1875	10/19/00	A	V	2,000	10/19/05	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Options are exercisable as follows: 33% on first anniversary; 66% on second anniversary; and 100% on third anniversary

	<p>/s/ Fred S. Zeidman <u>by Marcia H. Kendrick</u> **Signature of Reporting Person</p>	<p><u>01/10/01</u> Date</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.