

SILGAN HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BEAM JAMES D**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O SILGAN CONTAINERS CORPORATION, 21800 OXNARD STREET, SUITE 600**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SILGAN HOLDINGS INC [SLGN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President**

**WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367**  
  
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/20/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	02/20/2008		M	20,000	A	\$ 7.045	220,546 D
Common Stock	02/20/2008		S	20,000	D	\$ 48	200,546 D

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)
Nonqualified options to purchase Common Stock	\$ 7.045	02/20/2008		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/03/2010	Common Stock 20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEAM JAMES D C/O SILGAN CONTAINERS CORPORATION 21800 OXNARD STREET, SUITE 600 WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Frank W. Hogan, III, Attorney-in-fact for James D. Beam  
02/22/2008

\_\_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) These options were granted on February 4, 2000 and vested ratably over a 5 year period beginning February 4, 2001. All of these options were exercisable prior to the transactions reported on this Form 4.
- (2) This number includes 60,000 options granted on February 4, 2000 (all of which are currently exercisable) and 34,000 options granted on November 7, 2003 (all of which are currently exercisable).

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