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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_BAXTER JAMESON A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANTA CORP [BN]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
225 MAIN STREET, P. O. BOX 8003			(Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2005				Officer (give below)		er (specify		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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MENASHA	, WI 54952-8003	3						Person	more than one re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat			3.	4. Securit			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)) Execution any	Execution Date, if		TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)			Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial	
(11611. 3)		•	Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	` ′		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
C				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(IIIsu: 5 and 4)			
Common								13,375	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)

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	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
Phantom stock units (1)	\$ 0	04/25/2005		A	50.26	(2)	(2)	Phantom stock units	50.26
Phantom stock units (4)	\$ 0	04/26/2005		A	291.64	(2)	(2)	Phantom stock units	291.64
Phantom stock units (5)	\$ 0	04/27/2005		A	522.21	(2)	(2)	Phantom stock units	522.21
Stock Option	\$ 19.1875					10/26/2000	04/26/2010	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 21.375					10/28/1999	04/27/2009	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 22.67					10/26/1995	04/25/2005	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.375					10/24/1996	04/23/2006	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.375					10/23/1997	04/22/2007	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 26					04/25/2001	04/25/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.92					10/30/2003	04/30/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 31.375					10/29/1998	04/28/2008	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option	\$ 36.71					04/24/2002	04/24/2012	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option	\$ 45.79					10/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (6)	\$ 39.62	04/27/2005		A	3,000	10/27/2005	04/27/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAXTER JAMESON A 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003

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Signatures

Ronald D. Kneezel, attorney-in-fact

04/27/2005

**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).
- (2) The units will be settled in cash following the reporting person's conclusion of service as a director.
- (4) Payment of deferred board retainer, deferred chairperson retainer and meeting fees at a price of \$40.29 per share.
- (3) This security converts on a one-for-one basis.
- 5) Award of phantom stock in partial payment of director compensation.
- (1) Payment of deferred meeting fees at a price of \$39.79 per share.
- (6) Option granted to reporting person on April 27, 2005 under the Banta Corporation Equity Incentive Plan.

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