

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WHETZEL CHARLES E JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CARTER'S, INC., THE PROSCENIUM,</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE 900</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARTERS INC [CRI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP - Global Sourcing</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/13/2005</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/13/2005		A ⁽¹⁾		20,000	A	\$0	249,160 ⁽⁶⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾	D	\$0	248,985	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾	D	\$0	248,810	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾	D	\$0	248,635	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾	D	\$0	248,460	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	D	\$0	248,285	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	D	\$0	248,110	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	D	\$0	247,935	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	175 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	D	\$0	247,760	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$44.01	05/13/2005		A		30,000		(4)	05/13/2012	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.16							(5)	08/15/2011	Common Stock	194,844		194,844	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares are subject to restrictions that lapse upon the satisfaction of certain time and service conditions.
- Gift to child not sharing the same household.
- Mr. Whetzel gifted 700 shares to his wife who subsequently gifted the shares to Mr. and Mrs. Whetzel's children in equal increments of 175 shares.
- These options are time options exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 13, 2006.
- These options are exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2002.
- The total number of shares reflects the subtraction of 2,784 shares that Mr. Whetzel gifted to children not sharing the same household on December 17, 2004, as reported on a Form 5 that was filed on February 15, 2005. Mr. Whetzel is not deemed to beneficially own these shares for Section 16 purposes.

/s/ Charles E. Whetzel, Jr. 12/22/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

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