

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROWAN FREDERICK J II</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/09/2005</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. 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

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	12/09/2005		M		57,900	A	\$1.5	57,900	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		600	D	\$63.4	57,300	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		200	D	\$63.31	57,100	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$63.22	57,000	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,000	D	\$63.21	56,000	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		10,800	D	\$63.2	45,200	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		800	D	\$63.18	44,400	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		200	D	\$63.02	44,200	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		300	D	\$63	43,900	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		800	D	\$62.85	43,100	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		600	D	\$62.81	42,500	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		4,800	D	\$62.8	37,700	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,000	D	\$62.45	36,700	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		200	D	\$62.31	36,500	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		500	D	\$62.3	36,000	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$62.26	35,900	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$62.22	35,800	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$62.2	35,700	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		200	D	\$62.03	35,500	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		10,000	D	\$62	25,500	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		300	D	\$61.33	25,200	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		600	D	\$61.32	24,600	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$61.31	24,500	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		800	D	\$61.26	23,700	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,400	D	\$61.25	22,300	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,300	D	\$61.17	21,000	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		100	D	\$61.15	20,900	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,100	D	\$61.12	19,800	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		1,000	D	\$61.11	18,800	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2005		S		500	D	\$61.1	18,300	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Rolled Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.5	12/09/2005		M			57,900	(1)	08/15/2011	Common Stock	57,900	\$0	797,378	D	
Performance Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$44.01							(2)	05/13/2012	Common Stock	200,000		200,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.16							(3)	08/15/2011	Common Stock	530,355		530,355	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These options became 100% exercisable upon the date of Mr. Rowan's Restated Stock Option Agreement on August 15, 2001.
- These options are performance options that vest upon the achievement of defined performance criteria.
- These options are exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2002.

By: /s/ Fredrick J. Rowan, II 12/13/2005

** 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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