FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SMITH ELIZABETH A |   |  |   |  |                             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARTERS INC [ CRI ] |   |       |                                       |                                      |                     |  |  |                   | Relationsh<br>neck all ap<br>X Dire                 | plicable)   | ng Person(s) to   | Issuer<br>Owner  |
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| (Street)  NEW YO  (City)                                    |   |  | L0105<br>Zip)                                     |  | 4. If                       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)        |   |       |                                       |                                      |                     |  |  | 6. I<br>Lin       | e)<br><mark>X</mark> For                            | m filed by One<br>m filed by Mo   | o Filing (Check<br>e Reporting Pe<br>re than One Re               | rson   |
|   |   | Tabl                                       | e I - Nor   | -Deriv                                     | ative                       | Sec   | curitie   | s Acc | quired,                               | Dis                                  | osed o              | f, or  | Bene   | ficia             | ly Own  | ed  |   |  |
|   |   |  |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                             | ar)   Ē   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       | Code (                                | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |                     |  |  |                   | d Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne                             | ficially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership  |
|   |   |  |   |  |                             |   |   |       | Code                                  | v                                    | Amount              | (A<br>(E   | A) or<br>D)                                    | Price             |   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 0  |   |  |   | 05/11                                      | L/2007                      | 2007  |   |       | A                                     |                                      | 3,570               |  | A  | \$0 <sup>(1</sup> | ) 1   | 5,124 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D   |  |
|   |   | Та   | able II - D<br>((                                 |  |                             |   |   |       |                                       |                                      | sed of,<br>onvertib |  |  |                   | Owned   | I   |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution D<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,                                      | Date, Transact<br>Code (In: |   |   |       | 6. Date Ex<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Da | n Date                               | •                   | 7. Title<br>Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Secur<br>and 4 | int of<br>ities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>ity (Ins | tr. 3             | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   |  | Code                        | <br> v  | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisal                     |                                      | Expiration<br>Date  | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar                 | ber               |   |   |   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These shares were granted pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2003 Equity Incentive Plan as part of Ms. Smith's annual compensation as a Director of the Issuer.
- 2. The amount of securities beneficially owned following the transaction reported in this Form 4 reflects a two-for-one stock split effected on June 6, 2006.

05/15/2007 /s/ Elizabeth A. Smith

\*\* 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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