FORM 4

obligations may continue. See

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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	Address of R	Reporting Person* EVIN J							Exer or Trading Symbol P [CHE] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)												
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(Last) (First) (Middle) 2600 CHEMED CENTER 255 EAST 5TH STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2006								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) president and CEO							
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		Table	l - No	n-Deriv	ative	Secu	uritie	es Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of,	or Be	neficia	lly O	vned	l					
1. Title of Se	ecurity (Instr.	3)		2. Transa Date (Month/D		Exe) if a	ny	ned n Date, ay/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Disposed O 5)			d Se Be	Securities Form: Direct Of Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Owners			7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Tr	eported ansact istr. 3	ion(s)			Instr. 4)		
capital stoc	2k			03/21	/2006				M		10,000	A	\$18.	45	182	,378	D				
capital stock			03/21	/21/2006				F ⁽¹⁾		5,866	5,866 D \$		18	176,512			D				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	se (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/E		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deriv Secu (Inst		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1							
stock option(right to buy with tandem tax withholding)	\$18.45	03/21/2006			M			10,000	11/20/	2002	05/20/2012	capital stock	10,000	\$18	3.45	287,00	0	D			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of purchase price and tax obligation on stock option exercise.

Remarks:

Kevin J. McNamara

03/21/2006

** 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).
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