

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VANSTRYDONCK JOHN</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>LEE ENTERPRISES INC</u> <u>215 MAIN ST</u> (Street) <u>DAVENPORT IA 52801</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LEE ENTERPRISES INC [LEE ENT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Officer</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/23/2004</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	04/23/2004		M		9,000	D	\$35.46	15,248	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		M		4,500	D	\$32.49	19,748	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$47.54	19,648	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		500	D	\$47.53	19,148	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$47.5	19,048	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		300	D	\$47.47	18,748	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$47.44	18,648	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		3,000	D	\$47.42	15,648	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		500	D	\$47.5	15,148	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		300	D	\$47.4	14,848	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		300	D	\$47.3	14,548	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		400	D	\$47.2	14,148	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		300	D	\$47	13,848	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		700	D	\$46.82	13,148	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$46.83	13,048	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.84	12,848	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		800	D	\$46.7	12,048	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.72	11,848	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		400	D	\$46.71	11,448	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		2,000	D	\$46.69	9,448	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.7	9,248	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.71	9,048	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		1,000	D	\$46.73	8,048	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$46.74	7,948	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.6	7,748	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.61	7,548	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		700	D	\$46.62	6,848	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		200	D	\$46.61	6,648	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		100	D	\$46.62	6,548	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2004		S		300	D	\$46.75	6,248	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				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.46	04/23/2004		M			9,000	11/14/2002 ⁽¹⁾	11/14/2011	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	6,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$32.49	04/23/2004		M			4,500	11/13/2003 ⁽¹⁾	11/13/2012	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	10,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$43.25	11/12/2003		A		6,000		11/12/2004 ⁽¹⁾	11/12/2013	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	6,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These securities are exercisable as follows: 30% upon the first anniversary date of the grant; 60% upon the second anniversary date of the grant; and 100% upon the third anniversary date of the grant.

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** 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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