PINCHEV ALEX Form 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PINCHEV ALEX	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RED HAT INC [RHAT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O RED HAT, INC., 1801 VARSITY DRIVE	02/03/2006	_X_ Officer (give title Other (speci below) below)		
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		EVP Worldwide Sales		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
RALEIGH, NC 27606		Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	, , ,	, ,
Common Stock	02/03/2006		M	6,250	A	\$ 13.53	36,875	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	6,250	D	\$ 27.92	30,625	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option NQSO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.53	02/03/2006		M	6,250	(2)	11/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PINCHEV ALEX C/O RED HAT, INC. 1801 VARSITY DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27606

EVP Worldwide Sales

Signatures

Emily DelToro, Atty in Fact UPOA

02/06/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) This stock sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10(b)5-1 trading plan effective December 27, 2005.
- (2) This option is exercisable 25% on the first anniversary date and 6.25% on the first day of each subsequent three month period following one year from the date of grant.

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