

STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ABERNATHY JOHN D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1840 TURNBULL LAKES DR**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/07/2007**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock	05/07/2007		A	1,598	A <u>1</u> 29,801	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code	V	(A)	(D)	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABERNATHY JOHN D 1840 TURNBULL LAKES DR NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Karen A. Stempinski, under POA	05/10/2007
**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).
- These shares were issued as part of a restricted stock grant and therefore no consideration was paid by the Reporting Person. These shares may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of until they vest. Vesting occurs on the day before the 2008
- (1) Annual Meeting of Stockholders and earlier if the reporting person dies or becomes disabled and in the event of a change in control of the Issuer. The shares are forfeited in the event that prior to vesting, the Reporting Person ceases to be a director other than by reason of his death or disability.
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