

Gigerich John L
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gigerich John L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD

(Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Nalco Holding CO [NLC]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/22/2005	Â	X4 ⁽¹⁾	44,631 A \$ ⁽²⁾	44,631	D	Â

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Exchange Right (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	Â	12/22/2005	Â	X4 ⁽¹⁾	Â 20,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	Â ⁽⁴⁾ Â ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock 44,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gigerich John L 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD NAPERVILLE, IL 60563-1198	Â	Â	Â VP, Administration	Â

Signatures

/s/ Filomena Trombino 01/12/2005

⁽¹⁾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) On December 22, 2005, pursuant to the exchange rights of such units, the Reporting Person transferred the following membership units of Nalco LLC (the direct parent company of Nalco Holding Company) in exchange for shares of Nalco Holding Company common stock owned by Nalco LLC: all of his previously reported 20,000,000 class A units.
- (2) Class A units are exchangeable at a ratio of 448.117 units for each share of Nalco Holding Company common stock.
- (3) The Reporting Person has the right to transfer his Nalco LLC class A units in exchange for shares of Nalco Holding Company common stock owned by Nalco LLC. Class A units are unconditional as described in the Management Members Agreements, which are filed as Exhibits 10.30 to 10.39 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Nalco Holding Company (File No. 333-118583) (the "Management Members Agreements").
- (4) These rights to exchange Nalco LLC units for Nalco Holding Company common stock are exercisable following the date that is the later of the date on which any applicable lock-up period pursuant to the initial public offering of Nalco Holding Company terminates and the date that is six months and one day after June 30, 2004 in the case of class A units.
- (5) Subject to the exercise of a call right, for so long as certain termination events (see the Management Members Agreements) have not occurred with respect to the Reporting Person, there is no expiration of the right to exchange Nalco LLC units for Nalco Holding Company common stock.
- (6) Not applicable.

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