

CHIRON CORP
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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 *
Walther Gene

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4560 HORTON STREET
(Street)

EMERYVILLE, CA 94608-2916

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CHIRON CORP [CHIR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/20/2005

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)
V.P., Acting Pres. Chiron BT

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 02/20/2005 | | F | V 258 D \$ 34.455 | 5,036 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.88 | 02/22/2005 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 125,000 | 02/22/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/22/2015 | Common Stock 125 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Walther Gene 4560 HORTON STREET EMERYVILLE, CA 94608-2916 | | | V.P.,Acting Pres.Chiron BT | |

Signatures

Gene W. Walther by Naima Robinson as Atty-in-Fact
 Date: 02/23/2005

__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 amount includes 3,380 share rights which are subject to certain vesting.

(2) Employee Stock Option granted under the Chiron 2004 Stock Compensation Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Right to exercise vests as to 1/4 of the total shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and monthly thereafter as to 1/48 of the total shares, subject to acceleration of vesting upon certain qualifying terminations of employment. The Chiron 2004 Stock Compensation Plan has provisions permitting, in the discretion of the Administrator, the withholding of shares from the grant to satisfy income tax withholding.

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