

TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC
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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 *
HERTEL GEOFFREY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TETRA TECHNOLOGIES INC [TTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 25025 INTERSTATE 45
 NORTH, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2005

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

(Street)
 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 09/19/2005 | | M | | 86,400 | A | \$ 9.5022 165,874 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | M | | 50,000 | A | \$ 6.5555 215,874 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | S | | 19,700 | D | \$ 29.5 196,174 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | S | | 7,700 | D | \$ 29.51 188,474 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | S | | 6,600 | D | \$ 29.52 181,874 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|---------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 8,400 | D | \$ 29.53 | 173,474 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 9,800 | D | \$ 29.54 | 163,674 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 7,600 | D | \$ 29.55 | 156,074 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 29.56 | 155,874 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 3,300 | D | \$ 29.59 | 152,574 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 42,600 | D | \$ 29.6 | 109,974 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 30,300 | D | \$ 29.7 | 79,674 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 29.71 | 79,474 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | M | 4,196 | A | \$ 11.1111 | 83,670 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | M | 8,598 | A | \$ 11.1111 | 92,268 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | M | 17,064 | A | \$ 3.3889 | 109,332 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,597 | I | by 401(k) Plan |

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)

| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|---|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.5022 | 09/19/2005 | M | 86,400 | 08/25/2003 | 08/25/2006 | Common Stock | 86,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.5555 | 09/19/2005 | M | 50,000 | 01/09/2001 | 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.1111 | 09/19/2005 | M | 4,196 | 03/09/2004 | 03/09/2007 | Common Stock | 4,196 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.1111 | 09/19/2005 | M | 8,598 | 08/15/2005 | 08/15/2008 | Common Stock | 8,598 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.3889 | 09/19/2005 | M | 17,064 | 01/18/2001 | 01/18/2010 | Common Stock | 17,064 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HERTEL GEOFFREY M 25025 INTERSTATE 45 NORTH SUITE 600 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Eileen M. Price, AIF for Geoffrey M.
Hertel

09/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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