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				r Name and Ticker or Trading				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to				
SPIES GAR	IY J		Symbol					Issuer				
OTTER				TAIL CO	ORP [OT	TR]		(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction			(F F	,		
(Month/D			-				_X_ Director10% Owner					
215 S CASC	CADE ST		04/11/2	005				Officer (give t below)	below)	er (specify		
			4. If Ame	endment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
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FERGUS FA	ALLS, MN 5653	37-2801						Person		1 0		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat						5. Amount of	6. Ownership				
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Dat any			Transactio				Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct	Indirect Beneficial		
(Instr. 3)		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8)					Owned	· /	Ownership			
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						(A)		Reported				
						or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
~				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(msu. 5 and 4)				
Common	04/11/2005			А	1,300	А	\$	3,100 (1)	D			
Stock							24.93					

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	of Deri Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (E (Inst	vative urities uired or osed O) r. 3,		ate	Amor Unde Secur	tle and unt of rrlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
5			Code V	4, an		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SPIES GARY J 215 S CASCADE ST FERGUS FALLS, MN 56537-2801	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ Gary J Spies by Debra J Lill -POA	04	4/13/2005						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						
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Explanation of Responses:

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

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Shares of Common Stock acquired under the Corporation's Stock Incentive Plan, which is a grant of Restricted Stock. The 1,300 shares granted 4/11/05 have a grant price of \$24.93 and vest at 25% yearly beginning 4/8/06. See below for other holdings: 1. Direct holding of

(1) 1,040 shares with 1,000 shares of this total held in "street name" with Piper Jaffray. 2. Direct holding of 748.8013 shares held in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 3. Direct holding of 1,700 shares which no longer carries the restriction. 4. 6,590.1257 common stock units with no specific expiration date. 5. 2,000 stock options with expiration date of 4/8/2011.

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