

HERMES ROBERT A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HERMES ROBERT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PEACH STREET, P. O. BOX  
7000

(Street)

EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/01/2005		A		1,275 (1) \$ 0	2,015 (1)	D
Common Stock						4,000	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)

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. Priority of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 47.16					05/14/2004	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 47.16					05/14/2005	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 47.16					05/14/2006	05/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 60.59					02/03/2005	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 60.59					02/03/2006	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700
Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	\$ 60.59					02/03/2007	02/03/2014	Common Stock	700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERMES ROBERT A 200 PEACH STREET P. O. BOX 7000 EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000		X		

## Signatures

Robert A. Hermes by Walter K.  
Compton

02/03/2005

\_\_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) Restricted stock issued pursuant to the Non-Employee Director Stock Plan approved May 14, 2003.

(2) Non-Employee Director stock option granted under the Non-Employee Director Stock Plan approved May 14, 2003.

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