

DONNELL JON M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DONNELL JON M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVATAR HOLDINGS INC  
[AVTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, 12TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

(Street)  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	05/17/2011		P	5,000 A	\$ 16.4833 (1) 11,355	D	
Restricted Common Stock					300,000 (2)	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DONNELL JON M 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE 12TH FLOOR CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO	

## Signatures

Juanita I. Kerrigan, as Attorney-in-Fact for JON M. DONNELL 05/18/2011

\*\*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) The amount stated is an average of the purchase prices of the transactions, which ranged in price between \$16.42 and \$16.50. Information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price will be furnished upon request.

Of the 310,000 Restricted Shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") awarded to the Reporting Person pursuant to the terms of that certain Employment Agreement dated as of October 19, 2010 between the Issuer and the Reporting Person (the "Agreement"), 70,000 Shares are time based awards; 10,000 of which vested December 31, 2010 ( of which 3,645 were withheld by Issuer in payment of Reporting Person's tax liability). 300,000 Restricted Shares of Issuer's Common Stock awarded to the Reporting Person remain subject to the time and performance conditions set forth in the Agreement.

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