

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
SACHS MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP [NEW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/29/2005

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/29/2005 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 16.25 | 515,742 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/29/2005 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 26.97 | 520,742 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,250 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 347,848 | I | By Trust |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.25 | 09/29/2005 | | M | 5,000 | <u>(1)</u> 05/07/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.97 | 09/29/2005 | | M | 5,000 | <u>(3)</u> 05/21/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SACHS MICHAEL 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE, CA 92612 | | X | | |

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett
(Attorney-in-Fact) 10/03/2005

*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) This stock option grant vested as to one-third of the total number of shares on each of the first three anniversaries of May 1, 2002. The final one-third increment vested on the third anniversary of May 1, 2002 and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

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(2) This column is not applicable.

This stock option grant vests as to one-third of the total number of shares on each of the first three anniversaries of May 1, 2003. The first one-third increment vested on May 1, 2004, the first anniversary of May 1, 2003, and the final one-third increment will vest on the third anniversary of May 1, 2003. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on September 29, 2005 vested on May 1, 2005.

(3)

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