### HENNESSY ADVISORS INC Form SC 13G/A January 25, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)*
Hennessy Advisors, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
425885 10 0
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2004
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
_  Rule 13d-1(b)
_  Rule 13d-1(c)
X  Rule 13d-1(d)
* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).
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1		DRTING PERSON S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	-===	:====				
	Ne	il J. Hennessy						
2	CHECK THE A		(a) (b)	_   _				
3	SEC USE ONL	Y						
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION						
	United States							
	NUMBER OF	5 SOLE VOTING POWER						
	NUMBER OF SHARES	632,822						
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER						
	EACH REPORTING	N/A						
	PERSON WITH	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER						
		632,822						
		8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER						
		N/A						
9	AGGREGATE AI	MOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON						
	63:	2,822						
10	CHECK BOX II SHARES*	F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN	1	1_1				
11	PERCENT OF (	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)						
	38	.7%						
12	TYPE OF REI	PORTING PERSON*						
	IN							

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!
INCLUDE BOTH SIDES OF THE COVER PAGE, RESPONSES TO
ITEMS 1-7 (INCLUDING EXHIBITS) OF THE SCHEDULE, AND THE
SIGNATURE ATTESTATION.

\_\_\_\_\_ 425885 10 0 CUSIP No. Page 3 of 6 Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Item 1(a).
Name of Issuer: Hennessy Advisors, Inc. Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 750 Grant Avenue, Suite 100 Novato, California 94945 Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Neil J. Hennessy Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ 750 Grant Avenue, Suite 100 Novato, California 94945 Item 2(c). Citizenship: United States Item 2(d). Title of Class or Securities: \_\_\_\_\_ Common Stock Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 425885 10 0 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), 13d-2(b) or 13d-2(c), check whether the person filing is a: Inapplicable CUSIP No. 425885 10 0 Page 4 of 6 Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Item 4.	Ownership as of December 31, 2002.				
	(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:				
	632,822 shares*				
	(b) Percent of Class:				
	38.7%				
	(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:				
	(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:				
	632,822*				
	(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:				
	Inapplicable				
	(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:				
	632,822*				
	(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:				
	Inapplicable				
	* Does not Include 22,500 shares subject to presently exercisable employee stock options.				
Item 5.	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.				
	If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:  _   Instruction: Dissolution of a group requires a response to this				
	item.				
Item 6.	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.				
	Inapplicable				
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Item 7.	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired				

the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

	Inappli	cable			
Item 8.	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.				
	Inappli	cable			
Item 9.		of Dissolution of Group			
	Inappli	cable			
Item 10.	Certifi				
	(a)	Inapplicable			
	(b)	Inapplicable			
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January 25 	, 2005				
Date					
/s/ Neil J	. Henness	y			
Neil J. He	nnessy				