UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addres Person <u>*</u> Ellison Marvi		2. Date of Even Statement (Month/Day/Ye	1 0	3. Issuer Name HOME DE	e and Ticker o POT INC [H		ng Symbol	
(Last) (Fi	rst) (Midd	lle) 01/13/2006	01/13/2006		p of Reporting ssuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
4269 BRISTLEC	CONE DRIV	Е						
(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group	
MARIETTA, (GAÂ 30064			<i>w</i>	<pre> 10% C Other /) (specify belo Northern Divis</pre>	w)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (Sta	ate) (Zip)) J	Fable I - N	on-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		1	2. Amount of Beneficially ((Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
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Table	II - Derivative	Securities Beneficiall	y Owned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, co	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)	Date Securities U		nderlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options	(1)	08/21/2012	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 33.86	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	(1)	03/18/2013	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 24.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	(1)	03/16/2014	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 36.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	(1)	03/22/2015	Common Stock	14,200	\$ 37.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Options	(2)	11/16/2015	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 42.51	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ellison Marvin R 4269 BRISTLECONE DRIVE MARIETTA, GA 30064	Â	Â	President - Northern Division	Â		
Signatures						

/s/ Marvin R. Ellison	01/20/2006		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- The stock options were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and are exercisable in 25% increments (1) on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.
- The stock options were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and are exercisable in 25% increments (2) on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

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