TRACHTENBERG STEPHEN J

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TRACHTENBERG STEPHEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIGGS NATIONAL CORP [RIGS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/27/2004

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

below) below) DIRECTOR, MAJ. SUB OF REGISTR

CORPORATION, 800 17TH STREET, N.W., 7TH FLOOR

C/O RIGGS NATIONAL

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(State)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

(I)

D

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

COMMON

STOCK (1)

12/27/2004

12/27/2004

Code V Amount 814 A

(D) Price 19.96

(A)

6,392

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)

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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)	Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5	ate	Amou Under Secur	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Title Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date	Title			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TRACHTENBERG STEPHEN J C/O RIGGS NATIONAL CORPORATION 800 17TH STREET, N.W., 7TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20006

DIRECTOR, MAJ. SUB OF REGISTR

Signatures

By: Joseph M. Cahill, Attorney-in-Fact for S. Trachtenberg

12/27/2004

**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) Pursuant to election to receive stock in lieu of cash director fees

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