

COSAERT JOHN P  
Form 4  
February 21, 2006

**FORM 4**

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

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Section 16.  
Form 4 or  
Form 5  
obligations  
may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COSAERT JOHN P

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
[HTLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

(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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S		1,000	D	\$ 24.65	51,809 D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S		1,000	D	\$ 24.662	50,809 D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S		1,000	D	\$ 24.687	49,809 D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S		1,000	D	\$ 24.703	48,809 D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S		1,000	D	\$ 24.698	47,809 D

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COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.69	46,809	D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.686	45,809	D
COMMON STOCK	02/17/2006	02/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.657	44,809	D
COMMON STOCK							12,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
COSAERT JOHN P	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

## Signatures

JOHN P  
COSAERT 02/21/2006

\*\*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).

ITEM 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions. The 12,000 shares of Heartland Express, Inc. Common stock were received as a grant of a restricted stock award. The 12,000 shares are subject to vesting, forfeiture, and transfer

- (1) restrictions over a two-year period beginning March 7, 2005. Mr. Cosaert has voting power but does not have dispositive power until vesting requirements are satisfied. Vesting, forfeiture, and transfer restrictions will lapse as follows: 6,000 shares on March 7, 2006 and 6,000 shares on March 7, 2007.

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