FORWARD AIR CORP

Form 4

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

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad LANGLEY | • | _ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| 430 AIRPOR | RT ROAD | | (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2005 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I. New Destruction Committee A. | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|-------------|--|--|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | | M | 5,625 | A | \$ 20.2 | 6,300 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | | S | 125 | D | \$ 34.29 | 6,175 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | | S | 400 | D | \$ 34.3 | 5,775 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 34.34 | 5,675 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.35 | 5,375 | D | |
| | 08/17/2005 | | S | 100 | D | | 5,275 | D | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 34.37 | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.38 | 5,075 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.39 | 4,875 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.4 | 4,575 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.41 | 4,275 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 34.42 | 3,875 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 600 | D | \$ 34.44 | 3,275 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.45 | 2,975 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 34.46 | 2,675 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.47 | 2,475 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 700 | D | \$ 34.48 | 1,775 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.49 | 1,575 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.5 | 1,375 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 100 | D | \$ 34.51 | 1,275 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 100 | D | \$ 34.52 | 1,175 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.56 | 975 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 100 | D | \$ 34.58 | 875 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2005 | S | 200 | D | \$ 34.59 | 675 | 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)

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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) | 4. Transactio 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.2 | 08/17/2005 | | M | : | 5,625 | <u>(1)</u> | 05/19/2014 | Common Stock | 5,625 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Topolonia o Hina Huma / Huma oss | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| LANGLEY C JOHN JR 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | X | | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Lera Doherty, Attorney-in-Fact

08/18/2005

**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 is a vesting schedule, 50% over 2 years commencing 5/19/05.

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