

Oakes Michael T
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Oakes Michael T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1414 RALEIGH ROAD, SUITE 415

(Street)

CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 James River Group, INC [JRVVR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/12/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec V. Pres & Chief Fin Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/12/2005		C	(A) or (D) Amount (D) Price 91,469 (1) A (2) 91,469		D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/12/2005		P	55,000 A \$ 18	146,469	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(2)	08/12/2005		C	8,500	(3) (3)	Common Stock	85,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Oakes Michael T 1414 RALEIGH ROAD, SUITE 415 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517			Exec V. Pres & Chief Fin Off.	

Signatures

/s/ E. Caperton Thomas,
Attorney-in-Fact

08/16/2005

**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) Reflects the conversion of all of the reporting person's preferred stock into Common Stock plus accrued dividends paid in Common Stock.
- (2) Price not applicable to conversion of preferred stock into Common Stock.
- (3) All of the reporting person's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock was converted into Common Stock immediately prior to the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.
- (4) Reflects a 10-for-1 stock split effected immediately prior to the closing of the issuer's initial public offering.

Remarks:

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Ms. E. Caperton Thomas was granted power of attorney to sign Form 4 on behalf of Mr. Oakes.

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