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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Copperman Harold D

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

X_ Director

10% Owner

4991 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2008

below)

Officer (give title Other (specify

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

(Check all applicable)

Person

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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(A) or

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

\$0

Common Stock

05/21/2008

500 (4) A A

22,274 (3)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 20					10/31/2002(1)	10/31/2012	Common Stock	30,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004(1)	02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	4,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Copperman Harold D 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805	X					

Signatures

Richard K Hempstead Attorney-in-fact for Harold D
Copperman

05/23/2008

**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) Grant date, exercisable in 24 equal monthy installments beginning one month from grant date.
- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (3) These include time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 3,000 shares vest on January 1, 2010.

These are performance-based restricted shares granted on May 21, 2008. The shares vest when a CEO elected by the Avocent

(4) Corporation Board of Directors takes offce and commences employment with one half to first on the first anniversary of that date and the remaining one half to vest on the second anniversary of that date.

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