AZTAR CORP Form 4

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

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1(b).

Aztar

Common

12/15/2005

(Print or Type Responses)

| | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AZTAR CORP [AZR] | | | 8 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date | te of Earliest Transaction | | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2005 | | | _ | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Am | endment, D | Date Origina | ıl | 6 | . Individual or Joi | nt/Group Filin | g(Check |
| PHOENIX, AZ 85016 | | | • • | | | | <u></u> | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | Tal | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | | ned n Date, if | 3. | 4. Securit omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ies Ac | equired (A) | 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) |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 11 | 5,000 | D | |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | | M | 2,000 | A | \$ 6.8125 | 7,000 | D | |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 7.6875 | 10,000 | D | |

M

3,000

A

\$ 7.25

13,000

D

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| Stock | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|---------------|--------|---|
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 12.4375 | 16,000 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 7 | 17,000 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 13.23 | 20,000 | D |
| Aztar Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | M | 14,000 | A | \$ 20.46 | 34,000 | 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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 11 | 12/15/2005 | | M | 1,000 | 05/09/1996 | 05/09/2006 | Aztar Common Stock |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 6.8125 | 12/15/2005 | | M | 2,000 | 07/22/1997 | 07/22/2007 | Aztar Common Stock |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 7.6875 | 12/15/2005 | | M | 3,000 | 05/13/1998 | 05/13/2008 | Aztar Common Stock |
| | \$ 7.25 | 12/15/2005 | | M | 3,000 | 05/07/1999 | 05/07/2009 | |

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| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | | | | | | | Aztar Common Stock |
|---|------------|------------|---|--------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 12.4375 | 12/15/2005 | M | 3,000 | 05/12/2000 | 05/12/2010 | Aztar Common Stock |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 7 | 12/15/2005 | M | 1,000 | 05/23/1997 | 05/23/2007 | Aztar Common Stock |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 13.23 | 12/15/2005 | M | 3,000 | 05/11/2001 | 05/11/2011 | Aztar Common Stock |
| Nonemployee Dir StockOption(Right to buy Aztar Common Stock) | \$ 20.46 | 12/15/2005 | M | 14,000 | 05/10/2004 | 05/10/2014 | Aztar Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| BOHLE JOHN B AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John B.
Bohle

**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).

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