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| December 1  | 4, 2005  |   |   |                    |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| FORM  | 14   |   |   |                    |   |  |  |  | PPROVAL   |  |
|   | FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 |   |   |                    |   |  |  |  | 3235-0287   |  |
| Check th<br>if no lon<br>subject to<br>Section 7<br>Form 4 c        | ger<br>o <b>STATEN</b><br>16.<br>or  | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES |   |                    |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| Form 5<br>obligation<br>may con<br><i>See</i> Instr<br>1(b).        | tinue. Section 17  | a) of the I   | Public U  | Jtility Hol        | ding Cor  |  | nge Act of 1934,<br>of 1935 or Secti<br>940  |  |   |  |
| (Print or Type  | Responses)   |   |   |                    |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>BROWN RICHARD H |  |   | Symbol  | er Name <b>an</b>  |   | C C  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |   |  |
|   |  |   | HOME  | E DEPOT            | INC [HL   | )]   | (Check all applicable)   |  |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2455 PACES FERRY ROAD                       |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>12/12/2005 |                    |   |  | X_ Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)                                       |  |   |  |
| (Street)  |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)              |                    |   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br/>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul> |  |  |   |  |
| ATLANTA   | , GA 30339   |   |   |                    |   |  | Person   | More than One R  | eporting  |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)   | Tab   | ole I - Non-       | Derivative  | Securities A   | Acquired, Disposed   | of, or Beneficia   | lly Owned   |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)  | 2A. Deema<br>Execution<br>any<br>(Month/Da                    | Date, if  | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>mAcquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>Amount | (A) or<br>of (D)   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Reminder: Rep   | port on a separate line  | e for each cla  | ass of sec  | urities bene       | -   | -  | -  |  |   |  |
|   |  |   |   |                    | inforn<br>requii  | nation con<br>ed to resp<br>lys a curre  | spond to the colle<br>tained in this forn<br>ond unless the fo<br>ntly valid OMB co                                | n are not<br>rm  | SEC 1474<br>(9-02)  |  |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Pr |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orDerivative | Expiration Date         | Underlying Securities  | Deri  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | Securities   | (Month/Day/Year)        | (Instr. 3 and 4)       | Secu  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) |                         |                        | (Inst |

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|                            | Derivative<br>Security |            |      | (D) | (Instr. 3, 4, |     |                     |                    |                 |                                     |      |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------|
|                            |                        |            | Code | V   | (A)           | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |      |
| Deferred<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(1)</u>             | 12/12/2005 | А    |     | 36.302        |     | (1)                 | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 36.302                              | \$ 4 |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |            |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner  | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| BROWN RICHARD H<br>2455 PACES FERRY ROAD<br>ATLANTA, GA 30339 | Х             |            |         |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |            |         |       |  |  |  |
| /s/ Rita L. Fadell,<br>Attorney-in-Fact                       |               | 12/14/2005 |         |       |  |  |  |
| **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) The Deferred Stock Units convert to shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis following a termination of service as described in The Home Depot, Inc. NonEmployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan.

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