

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ECTON DONNA R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol H&R BLOCK INC [HRB]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2004			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
4400 MAIN STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) KANSAS CITY MO 64111								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, without par value	01/02/2004		J ⁽¹⁾		1,318	A	\$55.72	7,804.442	D	
Common Stock, without par value	01/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾		9	A	\$55.75	7,813.442	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Call Option to Purchase	\$16.125							06/30/1998	06/30/2007	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$21.0625							06/30/1999	06/30/2008	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$25							06/30/2000	06/30/2009	Common Stock, without par value	6,000	6,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$16.1875							06/30/2001	06/30/2010	Common Stock, without par value	6,000	6,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$32.275							06/30/2002	06/30/2011	Common Stock, without par value	6,000	6,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$46.15							06/30/2003	06/30/2012	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$43.25							06/30/2004	06/30/2013	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$20.5							06/30/1996	06/30/2005	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$16.375							06/30/1997	06/30/2006	Common Stock, without par value	4,000	4,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Units acquired through dividend reinvestment under the H&R Block Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. Each unit has the value of one share of Common Stock.

2. Units for dividends paid under the H&R Block Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Each unit has the value of one share of Common Stock.

Remarks:

By: Michael K. Post per Power
of Attorney 01/05/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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