

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>BAUM G KENNETH</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>H&amp;R BLOCK INC [ HRB ]</b>			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) <b>01/02/2004</b>			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) <b>KANSAS CITY MO 64111</b>								
(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 <sup>(1)</sup>		23	A	\$55.75	6,421	D	
Common Stock, without par value								189,600	I	By Trust

**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	\$19.625							06/30/1995	06/30/2004	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	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
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 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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