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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address FRYLING GE	1 0	*	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COOPER COMPANIES INC</u> [ COO ]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) 6140 STONERIE	(Last) (First) (Middle) I		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2005	Х	below) Pres & COO -	below)
(Street) PLEASANTON (City)	CA (State)	94588 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	rting Person

#### 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. Transa Code ( 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	М		3,790	A	\$26.38	3,790	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	М		13,000	A	\$29.5	16,790	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	S		12,900	D	\$73.2	3,890	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	S		100	D	\$73.5	3,790	D	

# 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. Transa Code ( 8)		n of		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$26.38	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	М			3,790	(1)	11/04/2012	Common Stock	3,790	\$26.38	22,877	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$29.5	01/19/2005	01/19/2005	М			13,000	(2)	03/24/2013	Common Stock	13,000	\$29.5	41,445	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option will become exercisable in three tranches upon achievement of targets within specified timeframes: within the 1st tranche of 13,333 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$31.50, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 2nd tranche of 13,333 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$35.00, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 3rd tranche of 13,334 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$39.50, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 3rd tranche of 13,334 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$39.50, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date.

2. The option will become exercisable in three tranches upon achievement of targets within specified timeframes: within the 1st tranche of 26,666 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$35.00, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 2nd tranche of 26,667 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$39.50, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 3rd tranche of 26,667 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$44.00, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date. Within the 3rd tranche of 26,667 shares, 1/3 became exercisable when FMV achieved \$44.00, remaining 2/3 shall become exercisable one the 1st and 2nd anniversary of the vesting date.

### <u>Gregory Fryling</u>

01/20/2005

\*\* 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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