FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* PLIDENICTED ALL ANDE | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>RUBENSTEIN ALLAN E</u> | | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) 6140 STONERIE | (First) DGE MALL DR., | (Middle) SUITE 590 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2005 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | |
| (Street) PLEASANTON | $C\Delta$ | 94588 | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | . 6.66.1 | | | | |
| | Ta | blo I. Non Doriva | tive Securities Acquired Disposed of or Reposi | cially (| Owned | | | | |

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and **Execution Date.** Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 5) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial 8) (I) (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock 01/18/2005 01/18/2005 M 2,000 Α \$24.42 6,504 D 01/18/2005 01/18/2005 Common Stock M 2,000 Α \$26.23 8,504 D 01/18/2005 01/18/2005 S 1,000 D \$71.95 7,504 D Common Stock Common Stock 01/18/2005 01/18/2005 S 1,000 D \$72 6,504 D Common Stock 01/18/2005 01/18/2005 S 2,000 D \$72.35 4,504 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$24.42 | 01/18/2005 | 01/18/2005 | M | | | 2,000 | (1) | 11/01/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$24.42 | 500 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$26.23 | 01/18/2005 | 01/18/2005 | М | | | 2,000 | (2) | 11/01/2012 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$26.23 | 14,750 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Exercisable when avg of closing prices of Co.'s common stk during any 30 consecutive cal days reaches \$29.30.
- 2. Vests when average of closing prices during any 30 cal days after date of grant reaches \$28.86

Carol R. Kaufman, Sharyl Proscia, or Wendy Stark

01/18/2005

** 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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