

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO  
Form 4  
December 14, 2004

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BOLAND JAMES C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**1 CENTER COURT**

(Street)

**CLEVELAND, OH 44115**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO [SHW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**12/10/2004**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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. 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	(D)	Price

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

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**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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)

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	Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.15	12/10/2004	A		206.4		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	<u>(1)</u>	\$ 16

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOLAND JAMES C 1 CENTER COURT CLEVELAND, OH 44115	X			

## Signatures

Louis E. Stellato,  
Attorney-in-fact

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person**

### 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).
- Acquisition of phantom stock units (in an exempt transaction) under the Director Deferred Fee Plan to be settled generally upon the
- (1) Reporting Person's retirement. The plan utilizes unit accounting, with phantom stock units consisting primarily of phantom shares of common stock and a small percentage of short-term investments (based upon a beginning per unit price of \$10.00 at April 1, 1997).
- (2) Includes phantom stock units acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment feature of the plan.

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