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ATAYAN CHRISTOPHER H Form 4 November 29, 2010 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ATAYAN CHRISTOPHER H Issuer Symbol AMCON DISTRIBUTING CO (Check all applicable) [DIT] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director X__ 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O AMCON DISTRIBUTING 11/22/2010 CEO and Chairman COMPANY, 7405 IRVINGTON RD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting **OMAHA, NE 68122** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common Stock, par 11/26/2010 Μ 10,300 A 128,319 D value \$.01 per share

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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numbe orDerivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	e Acquired sposed of	Expiration Date equired (Month/Day/Year) sed of		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Series B Conv. Pref Stock, par value \$.01 per share	\$ 24.65 (1)						10/08/2004	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	8, (
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18 <u>(1)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	12/12/2016	Common Stock	25
Series A Conv Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share	\$ 30.31 (1)						08/05/2004	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	82
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	11/22/2010		А	30,900 (<u>6)</u>		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	3(
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 72.5	11/26/2010		М		10,300 (<u>6)</u>	(6)	(6)	Common Stock (6)	10
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>	11/22/2010		А	8,100 (7)		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
I G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ATAYAN CHRISTOPHER H C/O AMCON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 7405 IRVINGTON RD OMAHA, NE 68122	Х	Х	CEO and Chairman			

Signatures

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Andrew C. Plummer Atty in fact for Christopher H. Atayan

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/29/2010

Date

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).
- (1) The applicable conversion and exercise price and the number of shares issuable on conversion or exercise are subject to anti-dilution adjustments.

The Issuer may redeem the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, at its option, commencing on October 9, 2006 and, at the option of the holder, must be redeemed upon a change in control, as defined in the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock does not have an expiration date and will remain outstanding and convertible at the option of the holder until converted or redeemed.

Pursuant to an agreement among the Reporting Person, another individual (the "Second Participant"), and the holder of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the holder has granted to the Reporting Person and the Second Participant a 20% participation interest in any capital gains realized by the holder from its investment in the Issuer, to be shared equally by the Reporting Person and the Second Participant. As a result of such participation interest, the Reporting Person may be deemed to have a pecuniary

- (3) and the Second Participant. As a result of such participation interest, the Reporting Person may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in such stock for purposes of 16a(2)(i) under the SEC Act of 1934. The Reporting Person does not possess the power to vote or dispose of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock or to direct the vote or disposition of such stock, and disclaims any beneficial interest in such stock in excess of such pecuniary interest.
- (4) The stock option vests and is exercisable in three equal installments beginning December 12, 2007.

The Issuer may redeem the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, at its option, commencing on June 17, 2006 and, at the option of the holder, must be redeemed upon a change of control, as defined in the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock does not have an expiration date and will remain outstanding and convertible at the option of the holder until converted or redeemed.

The Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") provide the reporting person with the right to receive, on the applicable vesting date, either (i) an amount of cash equal to the per share Fair Market Value of the Issuer's common stock as of the vesting date multiplied by the number of shares underlying the RSUs then becoming vested and held by the reporting person or (ii) a number of shares of common stock equal to the whole number of shares underlying the RSUs then becoming vested and held by the reporting vested and held by the reporting person, as elected by the reporting person. Subject to earlier forfeiture under certain limited circumstances, the RSUs vest as to one-third of the award on November 26, 2010, October 26, 2011 and October 26, 2012.

The Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") provide the reporting person with the right to receive, on the applicable vesting date, either (i) an amount of cash equal to the per share Fair Market Value of the Issuer's common stock as of the vesting date multiplied by the number of shares underlying the RSUs then becoming vested and held by the reporting person or (ii) a number of shares of common stock equal to the whole number of shares underlying the RSUs then becoming vested and held by the reporting vested and held by the reporting person, as elected by the reporting person. Subject to earlier forfeiture under certain limited circumstances, the RSUs vest as to one-third of the award on November 22, 2011, November 22, 2012, and November 22, 2013.

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