

JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nelson Maurice S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN
 COMPANY, 10650 ALAMEDA
 STREET

(Street)

LYNWOOD, CA 90262

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 JORGENSEN EARLE M CO /DE/
 [JOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/20/2005

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)
 President, CEO and COO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					100	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		J(1)(2)		4,172	A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
					4,172	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	I
							By Stock Bonus Plan

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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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.0667	04/20/2005		J ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	1,693,538	04/20/2005	01/29/2009	Common Stock	1,693,538

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nelson Maurice S JR
C/O EARLE M. JORGENSEN COMPANY
10650 ALAMEDA STREET
LYNWOOD, CA 90262

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President, CEO and COO

Signatures

/s/ William S. Johnson, as
Attorney-in-Fact

04/20/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

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).

- Prior to the transaction reported on this form, Mr. Nelson owned (i) 3,992 shares of the common stock of Earle M. Jorgensen Holding Company, Inc. (the "Holding Common Stock"), 2 shares of Holding's series B preferred stock ("Holding Series B Preferred Stock"), and 1 share of Holding's 13% Cumulative Preferred Stock ("Holding Series A Preferred Stock") allocated to Mr. Nelson's stock bonus plan
- (1) account, and (ii) fully vested options exercisable for 1,693,538 shares of the Holding Common Stock. Pursuant to a merger and financial restructuring that is exempt under Rule 16b-7, among other things, (a) each share of Holding Series A Preferred Stock was exchanged for \$403.75 in cash and 41.29 shares of the Issuer's common stock, without giving effect to the holdback of shares in respect of the underwriters' over-allotment option, (continued in footnote 2)
- (2) (b) each share of Holding Series B Preferred Stock was exchanged for \$494.38 in cash and 50.56 shares of the Issuer's common stock, without giving effect to the holdback of shares in respect of the underwriters' over-allotment option, and (c) each stock option that had been exercisable for shares of Holding Common Stock became exercisable for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock at the same exercise prices and on the same terms and conditions as provided in the Holding stock option agreements and stock option plan.

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