

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
[FF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

3301 C STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 6,800  | D   | \$ 16.1  | 1,447,827                         | D <sup>(1)</sup> |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 1,200  | D   | \$ 16.1066   | 1,446,627                         | D <sup>(1)</sup> |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 5,200  | D   | \$ 16.18   | 1,441,427                         | D <sup>(1)</sup> |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 1,500  | D   | \$ 16.26   | 1,439,927                         | D <sup>(1)</sup> |       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 4,300  | D   | \$ 16.25   | 1,435,627                         | D <sup>(1)</sup> |       |

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|              |            |   |        |   |          |                          |                  |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 900    | D | \$ 16.3  | 1,434,727                | D <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 2,000  | D | \$ 16.18 | 1,432,727                | D <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 3,900  | D | \$ 16.19 | 1,428,827                | D <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 11,400 | D | \$ 16.2  | 1,417,427 <sup>(2)</sup> | D <sup>(1)</sup> |

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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B<br>3301 C STREET<br>ANCHORAGE, AK 99503 |               | X         |         |       |
| HOREJSI STEWART R<br>200 SOUTH SANTA FE<br>SALINA, KS 67401        |               | X         |         |       |
| CICIORA SUSAN L<br>1680 38TH STREET, STE 800<br>BOULDER, CO 80301  | X             |           |         |       |

